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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 17:27:57 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: #CareNotCops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. (I am a UCLA student and my zip code is 90024.) I am writing to request you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I request that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you very much for your time.

Respectfully,

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 18:29:38 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I live in District 5, as I have indicated in the previous emails that I have already sent you (you know -- the ones about your taking money from the Los Angeles Police Protective League for years, and other practices that must end to facilitate the defunding and disbandment of the LAPD).

I am writing again today to demand that you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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And if you do not, I and the rest of my community will elect someone else who will. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
N. Lovelace  
District 5 Resident and VOTER

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 00:12:40 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: [REDACTED]

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno, a tenant, and I live in District 5 in the Palms neighborhood. My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Thank you for your time,

Blaire Crits-Christoph

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 16:34:30 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject:

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I live in Westwood and am a UCLA Law student. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Council member Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Thank you for your time,

Cassidy Schuma

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:57:51 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject:

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and live in District 5. I am a young professional and humanitarian/environmental advocate within my community. My zip code is 90035.

I am writing to demand that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response.

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Thank you for your time,

Shannon Lecher

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Date: Sun Jun 28 2020 14:12:53 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject:

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a proud Los Angeles Resident of City Council District 5 – I live in Westwood, support local businesses throughout the area, and went to high school at Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES) in Mid-City. My zipcode is 90024. **I am writing to demand that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and rebudget accordingly to defund the police and remove them from our schools, libraries, and public spaces.** This money is very urgently needed in and for our communities, not to police and fracture our communities. As a public school high school student, I encountered a police presence that did nothing to protect or serve my students and me, especially my BIPOC classmates. I never once saw a mental health counselor, yet the police officer was s a presence I encountered daily.

**To that end, I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.**

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Thank you,  
Monica Schreiber

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 17:11:23 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject:

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and staffers

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5, specifically in Rancho Park. I am an Asian American resident physician at UCLA. My zip code is 90064.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Thank you for your time,

Hye Ryung Yang, MD

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 16:34:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: [ATTENTION] CARE NOT COPS

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno living in District 5 and I am a UCLA student. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand that you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

As a UCLA student, safety was not high on my list of concerns when moving to Westwood, but when I realised the high homeless population in the city, I could not help but feel nervous when grocery shopping at night. The City is responsible for ensuring that the homeless people are receiving the care they need, and the resources to escape their predicament. Residents should not have to wait to involve the police, who have proven that they are incapable of handling sensitive community issues.

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Thank you for your time,

Janhavi H. Nesarikar

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 20:25:23 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: [CALL TO ACTION] Support the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Amara, a UCLA student that lives in Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Thank you for your time,

Amara Singh

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 15:31:10 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject:

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Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Laura Pulido I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90094. I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Thank you for your time,  
Laura Pulido

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Not that it's all that important, but Ms. Pulido (message below) appears to be confused about where she lives. The zip code she gives is 90094, which is Playa Vista, firmly in CD11.

I wonder how many of these other folks who swear they're in CD5 are comparably geographically challenged.

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Many I shall say!



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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 16:50:10 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re:

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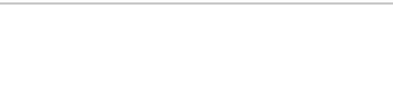
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Date: Fri May 01 2020 08:56:40 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: {PLEASE READ FOR TODAY'S 10 A.M.} Fwd: CD5/LADOT budget briefing

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Thanks!

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**Attachments:**

- LADOT 2020-21 Proposed Budget Overview\_CD3.pdf

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Date: Fri May 01 2020 09:46:55 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: {UPDATED DOCUMENT: PLEASE REVIEW FOR TODAY'S 10 A.M.} Fwd:  
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Please see attached. Thank you.

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 13:02:44 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: A Call to Defund LAPD

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90048.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and to revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We desperately need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I'm also asking you to support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the ineffective LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Although you may not be running for re-election, if you don't stand with us now, we'll make sure to follow you to any office you run for and make sure you never get an ounce of power again.

Thank you for your time,

**Jordan Grief**

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Date: Thu Jun 18 2020 16:17:14 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: A more complete response is here

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Hello staff:

I know I sent out a short reply earlier. Here is a longer response that I sent to a constituent earlier today. I thought it might help guide your future conversations.

Ali

P.S. How are we keeping track of these? I ask because I want to make sure we are not sending the same responses to people who might reach out individually in the future.

Dear Molly,

Thank you for your email and for taking the time to send your important thoughts to our office. I will be sure to share this with Councilmember Koretz who will take your thoughts into consideration as he goes through this budget process.

At this time, he has asked me to share the following message about his current point of view: "If we separate the term "defund" from the underlying effort to redefine and re-envision policing in the 21st century and look at how best to actually do that, I have to wonder whether making arbitrary cuts to LAPD's budget is the right place to begin that process. I think we can all agree that reform is necessary, it's just determining the best way to achieve it. I support police reform. That's why I am authoring several motions for reform. Police reform doesn't mean you need to defund the police. I believe the City still needs law enforcement."

Also, [here is a link to his latest newsletter](#) which may help to further explain his point of view.

Sincerely,  
Alison



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Date: Thu Jun 18 2020 16:23:08 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: A more complete response is here

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Annnnd if her last name is Segal, then I also replied to an email she sent me individually.

I track mine in my weekly call list for PK, Joan, and Debbie.

I sent a similar response in my own words, and included PK's statement as well. Usually they CC us all if they're going to email all of us...but anyhoo, here's what I wrote:

Hi Molly,

Thank you for your email and for your civic participation. Councilmember Koretz encourages his constituents to reach out to make their ideas known so that he can take them into consideration when making legislative decisions.

I am happy to share your opinions with him.

For your information, please see below statement from Councilmember Koretz on this issue:

"If we separate the term "defund" from the underlying effort to redefine and re-envision policing in the 21st century and look at how best to actually do that, I have to wonder whether making arbitrary cuts to LAPD's budget is the right place to begin that process. I think we can all agree that reform is necessary, it's just determining the best way to achieve it.

I support police reform. That's why I am authoring several motions for reform. Police reform doesn't mean you need to defund the police. I believe the City still needs law enforcement."

Thank you again and have a nice rest of your week.

Angel

On Thu, Jun 18, 2020 at 4:16 PM Alison Simard <[alison.simard@lacity.org](mailto:alison.simard@lacity.org)> wrote:

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Sign up for the CD 5 Newsletter for updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19).

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Date: Thu Jun 18 2020 16:31:54 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: A more complete response is here

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Yes, Segal.

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Date: Thu Jun 18 2020 16:41:20 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: A more complete response is here

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She has emailed all of us. and I also responded, of course. so, going forward on any of these emails, Ali, how do you want to proceed. on our call this morning, I volunteered to send out PK's statement (thanks for the expanded one) to those who sent emails to the entire staff. however, since we don't know who all they are emailing, as even when it looks like just us sometimes it is not, and we seem to be also getting them individually, how do you want to respond?

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Date: Thu Jun 18 2020 16:43:05 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: A more complete response is here

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FYI I saw people on twitter offering the copy-paste for all of our email addresses, so I assume these all-staff emails will be more common.

Thank you,

Aviv Kleinman



**Aviv Kleinman, M.U.R.P.**

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 16:46:26 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: A request from your constituent

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I was born and raised in Los Angeles - the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Gabrielino/Tongva peoples - and have lived in District 5 for most of my life. My zip code is 90024.

I am emailing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents. The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

As a fellow member of the Jewish community in Los Angeles, I believe that we have a moral obligation to support those who are suffering in our community. We cannot turn a blind eye to white supremacy. We must never forget where that kind of complacency leads. We will not be free until everyone is free.

Thank you for your time,

Shawn Hall

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 16:57:52 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: ACTION REQUIRED: SAFETY OF YOUR CITIZENS

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Hello,

My name is Chiara Berruto, I am a student at UCLA, a lifelong resident of LA county, and an active ally of the BLM movement.

I **used** to be proud of being an Angeleno as LA has always stood at the forefront of diversity and progress. I am saddened and really disappointed to say that this is not currently the case.

**LA should be leading the country and serving as a role model for other states.** You should be listening and caring about your people because we have spoken and ENOUGH is ENOUGH. Whats so hard to understand?

Your people are dying. Your people are scared. Your people are angry. What are you doing about it? Why don't you care?

I am emailing to demand you listen. Demand you care. **ADOPT THE PEOPLES BUDGET AND LISTEN TO YOUR CITIZENS.**

It's time we invest in the communities that need the most help instead of terrorizing them. We all know that the root of crime is poverty yet rather than create social programs to solve these issues, LA has continuously pumped more money into responding to these issues with force. Force is not the answer.

By rejecting the peoples budget you are proving that you do not care. you are saying you are okay with the **murder of minorities** which will continue as long as LAPD remains funded.

DONT BE COMPLICIT. ACT. INITIATE CHANGE. CARE ABOUT YOUR FUCKING CITIZENS. CARE ABOUT BROWN AND BLACK PEOPLE. BE ANTI-RACIST OR YOU WILL BE REPLACED.

Adopt the peoples budget. **Be on the right side of history.** I promise we will not stop so you might as well listen now.

Thank you for your time. Now have some fucking compassion.

Sincerely,

Chiara Berruto

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 15:25:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Adopt a People's Budget. Defund LAPD.

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Dear Councilmember Koretz & Staff,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5 at Pico & Beverwil. I am also a teacher with LAUSD. My zip code is 90035.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

As a first grade teacher in Los Angeles Unified, I have witnessed first hand how these systems of power and oppression inflict trauma on Black and Brown students. What I've seen might come as a shock, but I implore you to see this as REALITY, not some fluke event. A Black 6 year old student gets into a minor conflict on the playground. No one is hurt. The next day, an SRO is called, without parent or teacher consent, to have a talk with the child. He leaves confused, fearful, and feeling guilty. His mother is furious. There is no counselor on campus, but a police officer is one phone call away. WHY?

Our students and families of color feel threatened by police, not safer. When we call on police to handle issues that stem from mental health, housing insecurity, and poverty, we CRIMINALIZE our neighbors.. There is one very clear way to mitigate this trauma that LAPD continues to inflict: reallocate the billions of dollars that currently goes to criminalizing our communities and actually HELP them.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Natalie Karic

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:42:46 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Adopt a people's budget

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Dear Councilman Koretz-

My name is Isabelle Smith and I am one of your constituents. When I learned that you voted against a 100-150 million dollar cut in LAPD, I was incredibly disheartened. Right now, we do not need more policing, Los Angeles needs money to be redirected to education, youth programs, healthcare, childcare, housing, clean air, and water. Right now, the police are upholding a culture of white supremacy, and are unconstitutionally violating Angeleno's first amendment right by meeting peaceful protests with extreme violence. I attended a protest where I was subjected to tear gas and rubber bullets. I felt trapped and was blocked at every turn from returning to my car. After an hour of attempting to get back to my car I was finally successful. This is absolutely unacceptable. Following that event, I was hesitant to go out and protest again, but I did, and I will continue to do so until Los Angeles adopts a people's budget. I **demand that you support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.**

Right now, you have the opportunity to funnel resources to communities whose potential has been dampened by a lack of funding and by the murders of their neighbors at the hands of LAPD.

History is watching.

Sincerely,  
Isabelle Smith

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Isabelle Smith (She/her)  
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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 18:18:54 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: ADOPT PEOPLE'S BUDGET LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. This will only support the injustices that occur to Black and Brown communities. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community.

The police should not be the first, second or third solutions to our problems.

I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. Police are not adequately trained to assist in mental crises and interact with the homeless.

Your constituents have been voicing their opposition to excessive funding of LAPD for weeks now both physically and digitally.

The protests have been met with unnecessary violence from the police. Who have escalated peaceful protests. We have the constitutional right to peacefully gather. Many police officers have hurt, maimed and abused your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. We are asking you to reimagine a future where we keep our city healthy and support their growth. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos. If you do we will support you.

Thank you for your time,  
Elizabeth

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Date: Thu Jul 02 2020 18:31:37 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Adopt the People's Budget + Resign

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Dear Councilmember KKoretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a business owner, student, and anti-white supremist (sorry bud). My zip code is 90094 and unfortunately you are our councilperson.

I support the constituents who [came to protest at your home](#) on Saturday 6/27 and I hope they continue. I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Hundreds of your constituents signed our petition to support the People's Budget LA and a multi-billion dollar cut from LAPD's budget, and it is time for you to listen to us.

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you support the People's Budget LA and the [motion](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department.

- *You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, district 5 has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions in our district — that LA must not use its money to fund LAPD.

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The recent, persistent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time. LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO SERVE!

Jay Will



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Subject: Adopt the People's Budget and Defund LAPD!

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Hello,

My name is Adela Tran and I am a current student at UCLA and a constituent.

I am writing to express my **support for the People's Budget LA** as well as the defunding of the LAPD. The billions of dollars currently allocated towards the LAPD is absurd and completely unacceptable. We need to **defund LAPD**. The money should be going back to supporting the community and focused on housing security, public health, and mental health/wellness support systems.

We are also in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence — embodied by the LAPD — which murders Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of “reform.” The clips of police brutality and use of chemical weapons in Los Angeles against peaceful protesters have been abhorrent and the situation is untenable.

Furthermore, as a student looking to become a future teacher, I would also like to see the money moved away from the police force and used instead to support our education programs, which have been continually defunded in the past.

After the City Council avoided voting or revising Mayor Garcetti's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. I am urging you, as part of Councilman Paul Koretz's team, to move to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 and fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Humanity is with us.

Thank you for your time,

Adela Tran  
UCLA student, Westwood resident, CD5 District Member.

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:16:24 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Adopt The People's Budget for 2020

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I work as a producer in the area as well and have built a life here with my friends. My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

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**Analise Nelson**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 23:19:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Adopt the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and my zip code is 90094.

**I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.**

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air, and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

**As a woman who lives in the Westwood area, the police have done little to help me and more to intimidate me.**

**Now in the digital age, the actions of the murderous LAPD will not go unnoticed. Over the past few weeks, there has been overwhelming support, especially in your district, to defund the police and invest in our communities to create a safer network public safety system.**

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD makes me feel deeply unsafe and unprotected. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Alexis Sanchez

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 23:18:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Adopt the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and my zip code is 90094.

**I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.**

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air, and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

**As a woman who lives in the Westwood area, the police have done little to help me and more to intimidate me.**

**Now in the digital age, the actions of the murderous LAPD will not go unnoticed. Over the past few weeks, there has been overwhelming support, especially in your district, to defund the police and invest in our communities to create a safer network public safety system.**

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD makes me feel deeply unsafe and unprotected. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 23:14:05 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Adopt the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and my zip code is 90094.

**I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.**

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air, and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

**As a woman who lives in the Westwood area, the police have done little to help me and more to intimidate me.**

**Now in the digital age, the actions of the murderous LAPD will not go unnoticed. Over the past few weeks, there has been overwhelming support, especially in your district, to defund the police and invest in our communities to create a safer network public safety system.**

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD deeply makes me feel deeply unsafe as a Los Angeleno. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Alexis Sanchez**

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Date: Thu Jun 25 2020 15:26:22 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Adopt the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a UCLA student currently residing in Los Angeles and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing because I am really urging you to adopt the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. Our community desperately needs the money that is now reserved for the LAPD. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. As a member of the UCLA Mobile Clinic Project, in which I act as a social caseworker for people experiencing homelessness, I see all the time the way in which Los Angeles fails its residents. Folks should **absolutely not** have limited access to vital resources like housing and food because the budget that should be serving their needs instead goes into cops who then abuse these same people. Many folks experiencing homelessness receive many tickets for simply existing that they cannot afford, trapping them into the legal system in ways that HELP NO ONE! This is absolutely unacceptable. Our clients are dignified and important people and deserve to have the resources that all humans need to live a healthy and safe life. You are failing constituents like me by not serving Black and Indigenous communities, folks experiencing homelessness, or other people that are systematically disenfranchised and devalued by a system that values law and order over human life. Our city is ready and eager to defund the LAPD. The LAPD has a horrible and murderous history and this will only continue. There is no way to reform this. It MUST be abolished, and its funding MUST go into community structures!! In this time, LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents. We need change, Councilmember Koretz. We needed it yesterday, but we will accept it today. But you must work with us.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos. Stand on the right side of history. We are in the middle of a reckoning; we finally have the chance to rectify historic harms and to address the long-time effects of slavery and systemic discrimination.

Thank you for your time,  
Leah Savage

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:20:10 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Adopt the People's Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a black resident of Mid City West, zip code 90046. Los Angeles has been my home for the past 6 years and I love this city a great deal. It is expressly my commitment and love of Los Angeles that informs this letter.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. A bloated LAPD budget is a reactionary budget. If we invest in community services, and ensure that all Angelenos have housing, childcare, food, a good paying job, a clean and healthy environment, and universal healthcare we'll see that there is no place for LAPD as we know it. To that end, I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Black and Indigenous constituents must be part of the budget process. We are the victims of a budget that emboldens bad policing. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

The people have spoken. We want to defund the LAPD. One life lost by LAPD is one too many. Over the past 10 years, LAPD has killed hundreds. Think about how many lives have been ruined by LAPD. Not just the families of those murdered, but all of those brutalized, intimidated, and incarcerated.

LAPD does not make me feel safe. The presence and mere existence of LAPD is a psychological and physical threat to Black and brown lives. During this time of mass protest, the police have been instigators, agitators, escalators, and inciters of violence. Cops create the very problems they say they're trying to solve.

LAPD must be defunded, now. Please support the People's Budget LA, and join the fight for a better Los Angeles.

Thank you,  
Jessica Sykes

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 13:15:22 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Adopt the Peoples Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a recent college graduate and work in the Entertainment Industry as a Social Media Coordinator. My zip code is 90035.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

My close friend is an elementary school teacher in the area and has spent hundreds of her own hard-earned dollars to pay for school supplies for her students. A fraction of the LAPD budget should be invested in education, and teachers like my friend should be valued and paid accordingly. The LAPD provides its officers with riot gear for free, so why are we making our teachers pay for their own school supplies?

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents. I saw this firsthand at the protest near the Fairfax district. How can you allow the harmful police to treat your constituents like this?

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Elizabeth Roberts



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Subject: Re: Adopt the Peoples Budget LA

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Hi Debbie,

Please also send along that I would like Paul to educate himself on what defunding the police means. It's clear that he hasn't done research on the subject as he hasn't indicated what reform does better than defunding in his statement. We've tried reform. It has never worked. If he has evidence to show otherwise, he should at least include it in these arbitrary statements he's having you pass on to his constituents. Defunding the police does not mean getting rid of law enforcement, it means re-envisioning their role in our society. Instead of police responding to the wide array of problems like they do today, it would mean social workers or trained mental health employees entering the scene. I ask Paul to ask himself why crime exists? By investing in communities rather than people to police these communities, there will be more people with their basic human needs met, and therefore, less crime. Paul is in a position of power right now, and he is supposed to represent his constituents. It's up to him to do his homework and provide more reasoning to his position than the below. I hope this message finds him well.

Thanks,

Elizabeth Roberts

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Date: Sun Jun 28 2020 20:00:38 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Are you listening yet? Care not Cops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5, zip code 90035.

I am writing once again to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. The LAPD has a HUGE BLOATED budget that siphons taxpayer money away from solutions that people are showing up in huge numbers to support - namely BLM supporters are calling for non-law enforcement first responders and investment in public health. 50% of the city's unrestricted revenues should NOT be going to LAPD. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

In this time of climate crisis, when we are going to be facing worse and worse natural disasters that disproportionately affect Black and brown communities. How can we not prepare by trying to make sure the largest amount of people have their material needs met, and have access to necessities like affordable housing, childcare, clean parks and libraries etc? When every investment in social safety is met with "How will we pay for that?" Angelenos are responding with a clear solution. It is time to take a bolder stance and actually LISTEN to your constituents who want you to strategically divest from using police as a blunt instrument against any and all social problems. Do not keep saying you are skeptical of defunding and resort to supporting meager reforms that are proven to be ineffective.

Thank you for your time,

Katie Aymar

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 16:07:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: BUDGET CHANGE

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA alum 2019 and currently working on a health equity internship in Southern California. I am a Native American woman and I want to see equality for all minorities. My zip code is 90024.

I am sending this email to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me. If we put more money into programs, schools, housing, and health care, we could reduce crime and poverty and boost racial equality!*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Diane Hilderbrand

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 17:08:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Budget demands

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Hi Councilmember Koretz, My name is Mia Levy and I am a member of Los Angeles District 5. I am a UCLA alum and my zip code is 90094. I am writing today to demand that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 year and revise the current budget accordingly. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. The current budget is not a good representation of what the people of your district need. The budget needs to prioritize universal needs that serve all Angelenos, such as housing, childcare, and healthy food. We also need pandemic recovery sources in this unprecedented time. Additionally, LAPD has historically been violent towards the Black and Indigenous communities. The presence of police does not help make these communities feel safe, and we desperately need an alternative. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and help create a safer and healthier community for all Angelenos. Thank you for reading, Mia Levy

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Date: Wed Jul 01 2020 15:14:26 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: budget vote

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Hi all- if you haven't heard the news yet- Council voted 12-2 (buscaino/lee) to defund LAPD by \$150 million

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-01/lapd-budget-cuts-protesters-police-brutality>

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 14:08:22 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Call to Action for Community Investment

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student. My zip code is 90095.

Given the unacceptable police violence that the LA community has suffered, particularly the Black community, I think it is important that we act to mitigate such violence. Our communities are also suffering from housing insecurity as I see homeless individuals lined up on the streets on the way to school, food insecurity as I see with the lines of people waiting at the food pantry at UCLA, insufficient health care, and underfunded education for innercity schools. In turn, it is critical that we invest in community care rather than policing.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Aarti Patel**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:45:56 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Call to Support Revised Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 4. My zip code is 90039.

I am demanding that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD over the past couple of weeks. We have made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the violent LAPD.

The actions taken against the residents of this city who are exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable, and this organization must be defunded now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA and take this courageous step towards reimagining the future of our city.

Thank you for your time,

Richard Rosales

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 13:35:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Calling You OUT

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Hi Councilman Koretz,

I am a UCLA student, and I am furious that you are against the people's budget that has been proposed to you and your fellow council members. Have you learned nothing from the past month of violent police brutality? Why do you think their budget should increase? Time and time again, increasing the budget has only furthered the murder of black Angelinos. This is your opportunity to make a difference and create new progressive headlines that your people can be proud of. I am demanding that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. Do better.

In solidarity,  
Caroline Coyle  
UCLA 2020

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 15:06:46 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Care Not Cops!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a medical student at UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine. My zip code is 90025.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

As a future health professional, we are taught over and over again about structural inequities and the importance of upstream care. Meaning, systems that are in place are responsible for many if not most of the disproportionately poor health outcomes of certain populations. The way to address this is not to put more money into hospitals and doctors, but instead to address the problems before people ever end up in a doctor's care. In the same way, the right solution to address crime is not to put more money into police and jails, but to fund solutions that **stop people from ending up in jail in the first place**. Public safety means better streets, good lighting, better access to mental health services, among other things--NOT more guns and more patrols.

*The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Evelyn Shen

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 00:08:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: CARE NOT COPS

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student wanting to advocate for those in my community who deserve resources. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. This proposed budget prioritizes the needs of ALL Angelenos and reduces the funding that further enables police brutality and murder. I strongly urge you to reinvest LAPD's currently bloated budget back into the community, which can be done by cutting LA's unrestricted revenues going to LAPD to 5%. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. Police do not receive adequate training to appropriately respond to all situations to which they are dispatched, often resulting in unjust and unnecessary harm for victims. *By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. The people you have been elected to serve have made it glaringly obvious that LA must adjust its budget and stop funding the murderous LAPD. *Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.* Even the people not directly affected by these egregious acts of violence are still traumatized by the constant occurrence of these events happening to those who look like them.

Please demonstrate your support for the People's Budget LA, and take this necessary step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Mia Inglis**

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Subject: CARE NOT COPS

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. **I am a UCLA student and tenant and my zip code is 90094.**

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Karla Bonilla

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 00:13:02 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: CARE NOT COPS

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and my zip code is 90024.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Daisy Kwok

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 20:33:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Care NOT Cops

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Dear  
Councilmember Koretz,

I  
am an Angeleno and I live in District 5.  
My zip code is 90048.

I demand you support  
the People's  
Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.  
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Thank you for your  
time,

Jennifer Anderson

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 12:25:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Care not cops: adopt the People's Budget NOW

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am writing to you today as your constituent--I've lived in Westwood (90064) and now Palms (90034) for the past several years while completing my graduate studies at UCLA. I have contacted you many times, via email & phone, urging you to adopt the People's Budget. I have not heard back from you *once*.

The people of Los Angeles have shown that we overwhelmingly want our policing budget to be slashed, and for those funds to be reallocated to programs that support our community.

The LAPD has been committing atrocities against the people it's meant to "serve and protect," for *the entire time that they have been in existence*. They have always treated Black and brown communities as though they are enemies in occupied territory. In the 1980s, they murdered a teenager and an 81-year-old within a month of each other (see: *City of Quartz* by Mike Davis, p. 274). In 2018, LAPD officers murdered Grechario Mack and Kenneth Ross Jr. *within hours of each other*. Neither man was armed. They did not have the chance to defend themselves in court. They were executed.

*How can you consider your comments that property damage equates to loss of human life (so similar to Chief Moore's) to be appropriate? These comments reflect that you do not believe Black individuals to be as sacred as *things*. I am disappointed. You have unequivocally lost my vote, unless you can turn things around and be on the right side of history.*

Adopt the People's Budget NOW.

Regards,

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 16:29:45 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Care, Not Cops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I'm fed up and I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Joey Greenstein

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 12:28:13 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: CARE, not cops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I've lived in your CD5 for my entire adult life, and I'm currently in zip code 90034. I was a UCLA student, I've tutored countless students at our schools in Palms and Mid-City, and I frequent many of the businesses that make up this vibrant part of the city. This community is my home.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Only 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time.

Levon Haroutunian  
Los Angeles, 90034

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 15:45:00 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: City Budget Concerns

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and an active member of the westwood community that is very concerned about the city budget and how the money affects the. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

I believe reinvesting money into the community will greatly improve citizens' lives within the city while actively reducing police brutality.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Lizzy Boyd

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 13:13:05 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: City of Los Angeles 2020-2021 Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a product designer living in Los Angeles. Although I live in Council 10, I am writing to urge you to support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. 50% of LA's unrestricted revenues should not be going to the LAPD. The People's Budget LA gives 5.7% to the police because the city should be prioritizing the **universal needs** of Angelenos. Over the weekend, I spent time doing outreach to my unhoused neighbors in Koreatown. Homelessness is an issue that impacts every single Angeleno. We are all in this community together, from those living in my district to the folks that you represent in District 5. By cutting the excessive amount of funds you are allocating to the LAPD and distributing it to community programs (like education, physical and mental healthcare, housing support, childcare, access to healthy foods, pandemic recovery, and reimaged public safety), you can create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos.

Over the past few weeks, I have attended multiple protests across Los Angeles, including protests within District 5. I have seen that Los Angeles has shown overwhelming support for the effort to defund the LAPD. Our physical and digital actions are making it clear that the people of Los Angeles do not want our money to be used to fund the oppressive LAPD. During this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors multiple times. Several police officers have hurt, abused,, and harmed your constituents and it's been documented across the internet and media.

Police hurting peaceful protestors exercising their First Amendment rights is unacceptable. Many people look back at historic atrocities or moments of oppression and think to themselves, "I would have been on the right side." This is your chance to be on the right side. The LAPD must be defunded. **Take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety in Los Angelos and support the People's Budget LA.**

Sincerely,

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:36:56 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Come on Koretz, pass the People's Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am writing to express my support for the People's Budget Los Angeles, and City Council Motion 20-0769 as introduced by Councilmembers Wesson (my councilmember) and Martinez to divert certain emergency calls to trained, unarmed crisis response teams.

I write in solidarity with Black Lives Matter, and demand justice for Andres Guardado, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and the countless others who have lost their lives at the hands of police violence and racism. I write in solidarity with the countless protestors whose rights and dignity have been infringed on by the LAPD as they exercise their freedom of speech.

And I write with disappointment in response to your 6/16 vote against a potential \$150 million cut to the bloated LAPD budget.

Racially-targeted police violence, mass arrests, cuts to municipal social services, and increases to the Los Angeles police budget in the midst of a global pandemic are detrimental to public health and safety, especially for Black communities. We must disinvest from the LAPD, and reinvest Los Angeles' resources and city budget into reimagined community safety, housing, healthcare, education, mass transit, small businesses, and other community support.

I stand in solidarity with the demands of the UCLA Afrikan Student Union and UCLA Black Graduate Student Association in calling for a direct change of the Mayor's proposed 2020-2021 budget to the People's Budget, and Black Lives Matter LA's support of Motion 20-0769's "courageous" step forward.

You have the opportunity to set an example to the nation in a moment of deep pain - my councilmember and many others have already gotten on board! That example should not be one of falling back into old patterns of "law and order" thinking that disproportionately impacts Black communities. Instead, we urge you to condemn police and state violence and support community reinvestment as an antidote to decades of over-policing in the form of the People's Budget LA and Motion 20-0769.

I am not a CD5 resident, but I work in CD5 and am undoubtedly impacted by the decisions of all LA councilmembers, regardless of zip code. Please stand up for me and others by supporting the People's Budget LA.

Sincerely,  
Selena Phelps  
CD10 Resident

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 13:38:56 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Concerned Constituent from LA City District 5

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Dear Councilmember Koretz, I live in District 5 in Los Angeles. I am both a UCLA student and a Westwood tenant. My zip code is 90024. I am writing to you to demand that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and revise both the current Mayoral Budget accordingly. It is utterly hysterical that during both a pandemic and Climate Crisis, that over 50% of the city's budget is directed to LAPD while education, healthcare, and environmental services are exercising substantial budget cuts. Why would you vote to over-fund a police department that is fiscally irresponsible and has done nothing to increase community safety and security. We need substantial investments into our community, and an appropriate step is to adopt Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divest emergency calls away from the police towards trained crisis-management teams. Minneapolis is showing the way towards how that can look like, and San Francisco has already voted with a similar motion to 20-0769. This change is possible and necessary, so do not even think of responding otherwise. We are living through a radical point in both our lifetimes. Thousands of people are protesting in the streets to demand accountability and life. It is clear, that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. I have friends who were detained in the Jackie Robinson parking lots for hours, despite having only peacefully protested. They told me the horror stories of having no access to sanitation or water, despite COVID-19 surging in our city. LAPD officers assaulted women and forcibly checked genitalia for weapons or contraband. That is beyond sickening. Why would we send over 50% of the city's budget towards this department? The recent violence against Angelenos, who are fighting for rights and exercising the First Amendment, by LAPD is disgusting. We need to Defund LAPD. Support the People's Budget LA, and take a step towards reimagining public safety. Thank you for your time, Dylan Portillo Dylan Portillo

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 13:17:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Concerned constituent's call to Koretz

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Councilmember Koretz,

I am a District 5 resident in Palms writing to express my disappointment in your leadership. It was disheartening to learn that you voted against requesting an analysis into ways to cut between \$100-\$150 million from the LAPD. Why are you opposed to reinvesting that money into communities of color?

Supporting the [People's Budget LA](#) for 2020-2021 would be one way to truly step up for your community. We don't need 50% of the city's unrestricted revenues going into the LAPD. We probably don't even need 10% of those unrestricted revenues going into the LAPD, if we're being honest.

I also demand that you support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

This past month, Los Angeles has clearly shown its overwhelming support for reallocating funds currently being pumped into the LAPD. The recent violence against your constituents exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable.

Since you are supposedly a public servant, I urge you to support the People's Budget LA and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thanks,  
Nick O.

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:31:29 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Concerned voter - LAPD funding

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a UCLA Law student, a concerned voter, and an Angeleno. I live in District 5 and my zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the **People's Budget LA** for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Five percent of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into **services for our community**. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Dylan Lee

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 01:12:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Constituent asking you to SIGNIFICANTLY defund the LAPD

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Councilman Koretz & Team,

I'm writing as a citizen of District 5, pleading with you to reconsider your refusal to significantly defund the LAPD. Many other white people, like myself, have had limited or no interaction with the police prior to the demonstrations of June 2020 and what we're seeing now has elicited a total awakening to the toxicity of the department.

I believe in the police. But I also believe in a country and city of checks and balances. The police force has been operating for decades without being properly checked, and it has gotten completely out of control in its unlimited resources and abuse of power. The police must be--not eliminated--but *significantly* defunded and, just as importantly, a total overhaul is needed, involving completely different training, better de-escalation practices, and a zero tolerance policy for bigotry and brutality.

While the department spends hundreds of millions of dollars on helicopters, military grade equipment, and over-policing of black and brown neighborhoods, many of my neighbors of color go without basic resources like food, clothing, shelter, and quality education. While the riot responders drove SWAT vehicles down my block and shot tear gas over our roof, citizens on the same block don't know how they'll get vital medications or mental health attention.

This is such a pivotal move in your career - please do what's right and make a real statement.

Sincerely,  
Emily Finkelstein

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Subject: Re: Constituent asking you to SIGNIFICANTLY defund the LAPD

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Thanks for the reply. In response to Councilman Koretz's message...

Arbitrary cuts? Cutting ~10% from a wildly disproportionate, exorbitant billion+ budget to reallocate funds to critically deprived areas like mental health services, youth services, housing, education, and public health is not arbitrary. Not only has the policing culture become totally cult-like and dangerous ("absolute power corrupts absolutely" comes to mind), but the department's bottomless budget is taking away from vital human services.

Of course defunding the police isn't about eliminating all police, but these other programs have been fighting for scraps for too long and throwing this much money at LAPD comes at the expense of many thousands of LA residents and their opportunities for success and well-being.

This isn't right. Councilman Koretz and all who agree with his position on this should take a moment to reexamine their values and priorities.

Sincerely,

Emily Finkelstein

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Subject: Constituent Support for People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and a member of UCLA student government. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

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Emma Barudi

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Date: Thu Jun 18 2020 16:04:42 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Constituent Support for People's Budget LA

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Dear Council member Koretz ,

We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters — and if folks are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused folk; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. In this context, the Mayor is proposing an increase to LAPD. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused folks, and Black, Indigenous, people of color.

We are also in the midst of widespread upheaval over the systemic violence — embodied by the LAPD — which murders Black people. We will no longer accept empty gestures and suggestions of “reform.” The clips of police brutality and use of chemical weapons in Los Angeles against peaceful protesters have been abhorrent and the situation is untenable.

We need to defund the LAPD. We need to #DefundThePolice. We need a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of Angelenos during this trying and uncertain time; and we need a budget that supports communities and supports their wellbeing, not which empowers the force(s) that tear them apart.

Being a low-income, first-generation student has pushed me to be dependent on public funding of community programs. I am imagining a new future in which we invest in our people and our communities rather than in state-sanctioned violence. I urge you to take these first steps toward this.

After the City Council avoided voting or revising Mayor Garcetti's budget proposal, the document is back in your hands. I am urging you, as part of Councilman Paul Koretz's team, to move to completely revise the LA budget for 2020-2021 and fund #CareNotCops. You need to adopt a People's Budget. Humanity is with us.

Thank you for your time,

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Date: Wed Jun 17 2020 09:09:19 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: David Ryu's Survey + People's Budget

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To Whom it May Concern,  
I am an Angelino living in District 5. I've written to you before and only received a limited response when I copied your whole staff.

I just took an incredibly thoughtful and useful survey, emailed from David Ryu of District 5, on re-imagining the role of police, and naming who we think should respond to different crises. I hope that your team will do more than just "take my thoughts into consideration." Paul Koretz was specifically named by a Black Lives Matter organizer as a council member who does not care and does not support their agenda. I understand that this district has a lot of different people, many of whom may not be on board with the People's Budget or defunding the LAPD. However, everywhere I go on social media I see people in our district compelling you to support those initiatives. In the hearing that BLM had with city council this week they shared a graph showing which district "People's Budget" survey participants were from and District 5 had a large number of participants! That leads me to believe you are ignoring a large number of your constituents with your silence on these issues.

I would like to see you take a public stance and reach out to people in this district. You need to actively find out how we feel about alternative models to public safety. Look at David Ryu's example and provide that kind of care to your own constituents.

Thank you,  
Katie Aymar

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Date: Wed Jun 17 2020 11:10:54 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: David Ryu's Survey + People's Budget

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Hi Katie,

Thank you for reaching out to us. We appreciate your insight and will pass your thoughts along to the Councilmember so that he may consider your input as he goes through the budget process.

Best,

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Date: Wed Jun 17 2020 11:26:42 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: David Ryu's Survey + People's Budget

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I will also add that for any additional updates, you can sign up for our newsletter here:  
<http://www.councilmemberpaulkoretz.com/newsroom/cd5-newsletter>. Our next newsletter will include important legislative updates.

This is our latest:  
<http://www.simplesend.com/simple/textlink.asp?NewsletterID=119063>

Best,

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Subject: Re: David Ryu's Survey + People's Budget

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FYI to staff, this is the CD4 survey I believe she is referring to: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDHMjeFtV8T9jBkkk-c2PzxfO134j4Hi1SkwFH05k9vQ9F-w/viewform>

Thank you,

Aviv Kleinman



**Aviv Kleinman, M.U.R.P.**

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Date: Wed Jun 17 2020 12:35:30 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Re: David Ryu's Survey + People's Budget

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Super helpful, thanks Avi

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Date: Fri Jun 19 2020 09:00:20 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: David Ryu's Survey + People's Budget

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Hi Elizabeth,  
Thank you for your response and I have signed up for the newsletter.

I am extremely disappointed to see Paul Koretz's response to the BLM demands and People's Budget campaign. His characterization of their demands as "arbitrary cuts" that do not have "adequate analysis" is insulting to all the scholars who are involved in BLM and PIC Abolition work. There were literally professors and activists alike presenting this information about the budget at the hearing and they did amazing work surveying people to collect data on public support for re-allocating money to community services. And they called for a transformation, not a reform. It is literally racist to discredit their demands with this language. I understand my emails to this rep are probably futile but I'm going to keep letting you know what I think because I live in District 5 and want to see change.

Best,  
Katie Aymar

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Subject: Defund LAPD and Support the People's Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I live in District 5 and I am a UCLA public health professional, future physician, and most importantly as an Angeleno who is disappointed at the lack of leadership from both Mayor Garcetti and the council members. My zip code is 90034 and I am sharing my own personal views.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Police violence and racism are both public health crises and these two are NOT mutually exclusive. Data from Mapping Police Violence tells us that there were only 27 days in 2019 where police did not kill someone. Additionally, Black people are 3x more likely to be killed by police than white people and 1.3x more likely to be unarmed than white people. How can we possibly give LAPD over 50% of the budget when those who claim to "serve and protect" are the same forces who are disproportionately murdering Black Americans. How can we give approximately 3 billion dollars to LAPD who have killed over 600 Angelenos? By not defunding LAPD, the mayor and council members are supporting continued police violence and the continued murder of Black and Brown lives.

As a future medical provider I know the disproportionate trauma that communities face as a result of police violence has a negative impact on their health. Preliminary findings from the Justice Study shows that participants who have witnessed or experienced police violence had higher post-traumatic stress scores when compared to those who did not witness or experience police violence, regardless of race. These findings are concerning given that trauma leads to chronic stress, and as a result, chronic inflammation that leads to diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, depression, and anxiety. The police are both directly and indirectly impacting the health of communities of color and our budget should instead focus on supporting our communities through housing, education, and healthcare.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violent behavior of LAPD against protestors further demonstrates the recklessness of the police and the need to defund LAPD immediately. LAPD has used tear gas, a chemical warfare agent BANNED by the Geneva Protocol, against protestors which causes irritation in the lungs which triggers coughing. This is especially alarming given the fact the country is experiencing a global respiratory pandemic and Los Angeles specifically has had a total of

68,875 cases to date of COVID-19. LAPD was fully aware that we were in the midst of a pandemic and yet still chose to use chemical warfare against its own citizens. Any institution that carelessly puts the city's health at risk and has already killed over 600 Angelenos does not deserve our funding.

Thank you for your time,  
Stephanie Clavijo

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 13:21:30 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund LAPD Now!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and Staff,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a resident of West Hollywood and my zip code is 90048.

I am emailing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. You voted against the motion to reallocate \$100-150 million from the LAPD budget, a decision which directly goes against the needs of your constituents and the people of LA.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Jennifer Bohnert

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:40:29 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund LAPD

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a UCLA Law student, which is in District 5. My zip code is 90094. I am urging that you please listen to your constituents, particularly your black and indigenous constituents who have been disproportionately targeted and harmed by police violence, and support the People's Budget LA. As a white man, I understand that you may not have had conversations about police brutality and the ways in which your race have disproportionately impacted your experience navigating the spaces in which you are a part of. However, as an LA City Councilmember, I urge you to think critically about your privileges that you wield as a wealthy, white man in a position of power and leverage those privileges to help the most marginalized members of your constituency. Your constituents are hurting and I am pleading with you to listen to their experiences and defund LAPD.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

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Thank you for your time,  
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Subject: DEFUND LAPD

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I'm emailing to register my disgust and disappointment in Councilmember Koretz's vote against cutting LAPD's budget today. In light of the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and countless other Black lives taken before their time by an uncaring police force, it takes a truly disgusting, depraved, hollowed-out shell of a human to vote to allocate even more money toward this bloated racist murder syndicate. \$150 million is pocket change to the LAPD, but that money could make a world of difference for LA's Black and Brown communities. Koretz's vote reveals the true depth of his disregard for the people he claims to serve.

I'm calling on Koretz to support #PeoplesBudgetLA and City Council Motion 20-0769. No excuses.

Julian Axelrod

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From: Mary Zhang <mry.zhng@gmail.com>  
To: paul.koretz@lacity.org  
Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 20:21:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund LAPD

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and staff, I am a proud citizen of Los Angeles who currently resides in your district. I live and love living in the Palms district at 3685 Watseka Ave, 90034. I work as a research engineer at a cutting edge neuroscience startup company in Culver City. I'm writing today to demand you support the People's Budget LA. Your vote against the meager reallocation of \$150 million from LAPD was extremely disheartening and made me lose faith in you as my council member. I firmly believe that we need to divest all of LAPD's funding into community services, such as support for our frontline healthcare heroes, our ever-growing unhoused population and our schools. You need to support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021. \$150 million was already too little, voting even against that goes beyond mine and your district members' needs. The People's Budget comprises of over 10,000 Angeleno's voices — voices that you are choosing to ignore. It has been made clear through protests and digital petitions and communication over the past two weeks that our city supports defunding LAPD. The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I demand you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos. Sincerely,  
Mary Zhang

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From: Zoe Hahn <zoekbhahn@gmail.com>  
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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 22:21:02 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund LAPD

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Hi,

I am a resident of Westwood and a student at UCLA. LAPD is racist, violent, and disgusting. The fact that Koretz doesn't want to defund them is absolutely despicable and unacceptable and you should be ashamed to associate with him. DEFUND LAPD NOW!!! I want money going into our communities and being used to protect the vulnerable NOT to terrorize innocent people because trigger happy cops think it's fun or that their life is a video game. Every day LAPD and the councilmembers that allow LAPD to exist and KILL unarmed civilians disappoint me more. Defund LAPD now. Adopt a PEOPLE'S BUDGET instead. LA can continue to be racist, or you can seek justice, peace, and prosperity for the families of LA. It's up to you. Make the right decision.

BYE,  
Zoe Hahn

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From: Melissa Chimwaza <melchimwaza@gmail.com>  
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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:17:20 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: DEFUND LAPD

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a Los Angeles resident and I live in district 5. I just graduated from UCLA and have experienced the heavy and disproportionate policing of Black people in Westwood by UCPD and LAPD. THIS IS WRONG. I care about my community so I care about LAPD being defunded so that the billions of dollars this city spends on policing, surveilling , violating and tearing apart the Black community can be redirected into uplifting and cherishing our lives. Read Miriame Kaba if you are unfamiliar with the concept of police abolition and community care. My zip code is 90094 and I am calling for the defunding and budget cuts to the LAPD.

I am writing] to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Melissa Chimwaza  
UCLA '20| College of Letters and Science  
Human Biology & Society B.A.

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 19:30:00 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund LASPD

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Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90094.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The mentally ill people that get called on by the police don't do anything but just put them back on the streets. I don't see what they do as being effective or helpful. I trained to be a Hairstylist for 1600 hours while cops only do 880 hours so CLEARLY they have not been trained to deal with people who have mental health or drug issues. They escalate!*

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Gabriella Almanza**

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:31:04 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund police in district 5

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student living in Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

I know from person experience the ways the LAPD presence has harmed and continues to harm students at UCLA. Black students are disproportionately targeted by officers. No student should be made to feel unsafe by officers whose supposed duty is to protect and serve them. Reforming or retraining these officers is no longer an option - we want them gone from campus and gone from Westwood.

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The time is now to act. If students are going to be returning to UCLA in the fall, we need to know our safety is your priority. Not the police unions, but YOUR CONSTITUENTS.

Thank you for your time,

**Julia Hatten**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:32:13 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund police in district 5

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Thank you for your time,

**Julia Hatten**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 11:14:09 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund the LAPD Air Support Division

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To Whom it May Concern,  
I am a resident in District 5 and am extremely disappointed to learn that Paul Koretz is voting and standing against reducing the LAPD budget. I am writing to share again that I support BLM's call to divest from policing and re-allocate the police department's bloated budget to social services and community organizations that will build real well-being and safety.

I also want to note that the \$100-150 million reduction is not nearly enough, but as a start there are many tangible and reasonable ways to begin defunding a department that proves everyday it is not up to the task of protecting people or being accountable for the unnecessary harm they have caused.

As the City Council looks for areas where harmful law enforcement programs can be cut from the budget for the upcoming fiscal year I ask you to withdraw financial support for the LAPASD. Retire a dated program that drains resources. The LAPASD is notoriously unpopular, abusive, ineffective and an extremely expensive arm of the LAPD.

The LAPASD unit does not solve crime and only purports to deter it. The department maintains a lot of statistics about their routes but does not even analyze the data on its own effectiveness as a crime fighting tool.

We know they were overwhelmingly used as part of a "predictive policing" campaign that is racist and invades people's privacy (and that was just recently discontinued during the Covid crisis). The ACLU of Southern California found that Black Angelenos are 3x more likely to be stopped by police than white Angelenos under this program. Helicopters are ubiquitous, noisy, and do not make anyone I know feel safer. No other major city possesses the amount of helicopters we do. The five US cities with comparable population levels COMBINED still have fewer helicopters than Los Angeles.

Having multiple helicopters incessantly circling for 20 hours a day costs more than \$1200 an hour, burning the equivalent of two car tanks of gas per hour (which in this time of climate chaos and need to decrease dependence on fossil fuels is troubling). In 2013 \$10 million+ was spent on personnel salaries, and \$5.9 million was spent to maintain this oversized fleet. When Paul Koretz characterizes divestment from LAPD as making "arbitrary cuts" I would like him to specifically address why we cannot drastically reduce funding the use of military technology and programs by the LAPD. Whatever need Los Angeles has for helicopters, it can be drastically reduced by re-allocating funds away from the police department. I know Paul Koretz is blatantly ignoring his constituents who disagree with his position but I would like a response from his staffers.

Thank you,  
Katie Aymar

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From: Henry Staley <henry\_staley@alumni.brown.edu>  
To: undisclosed-recipients:  
Bcc: jay.greenstein@lacity.org  
Date: Fri Jun 19 2020 13:36:50 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund the Los Angeles Police Air Support Division

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am calling on you to support the defunding of the **Los Angeles Police Air Support Division**. This political moment demands that the Los Angeles City Council look for areas where harmful law enforcement programs can be cut from the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. By withdrawing financial support for the LAPASD, the City Council can retire a politically dated program that actively harms LA residents and drains resources that could be better spent elsewhere. These funds should be redirected towards social programs to keep Angelenos safe, housed and healthy in a time of desperate need.

*The LAPASD is a notoriously unpopular, abusive, and costly arm of the city's law enforcement apparatus.* As the past several weeks of protests against police brutality and public outcry over LA's budget have made abundantly clear, the people of Los Angeles are demanding divestment from city and county programs that harm Black, Latinx, and unhoused communities.

By 2020 estimates, it costs **\$1,200 per hour to fly** an LAPD helicopter—without accounting for the pilot's salary. On average, an LAPD helicopter burns the equivalent of **two car tanks of gas per hour**. The constant thunder of LAPD/LA Sheriff's Department helicopters overhead, day and night, make Angelenos feel like we live in a war zone, where our own city's division of public safety is the invading army.

The LAPASD unit cannot be justified as a crime-solving expense. In past studies, these helicopters have successfully resolved **a mere six percent** of car theft cases. LAPD responds to these damning statistics by arguing that the helicopters are part of a 'predictive policing' campaign to stop crime before it happens. 'Predictive policing' is essentially a euphemism for **racial profiling**, an issue that has long plagued the LAPD. In 2015, the ACLU of Southern California found that Black Angelenos are **three times** more likely to be stopped by police than white Angelenos under the program. Given the helicopters' ubiquity over neighborhoods whose residents are overwhelmingly low-income Black and/or Latinx people, it is clear that LAPD finds its air division to be an expedient way to surveil the city's non-white communities.

If you find it difficult to imagine LA without the constant presence of these helicopters, consider this: *No other major US city possesses a comparable amount of helicopters.* If the five US cities with population levels closest to Los Angeles (New York, Chicago, Houston, Phoenix and Philadelphia) combined their fleets, they'd still have **ten fewer helicopters** than Los Angeles.

It is abundantly clear that the psychological and material costs of the LAPASD are far greater than its contribution to public safety. At the end of the day, the continued use of these helicopters takes away funding that could be used to benefit LA's most marginalized residents. We echo the calls of Black Lives Matter LA and other community organizations: Divest from the LAPD and invest these resources back into the community.

Please contribute to the betterment of public safety and social justice in our city by defunding the Los Angeles Police Air Support Division.

Thank you,  
Henry Staley

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 09:01:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund the Police - Care Not Cops

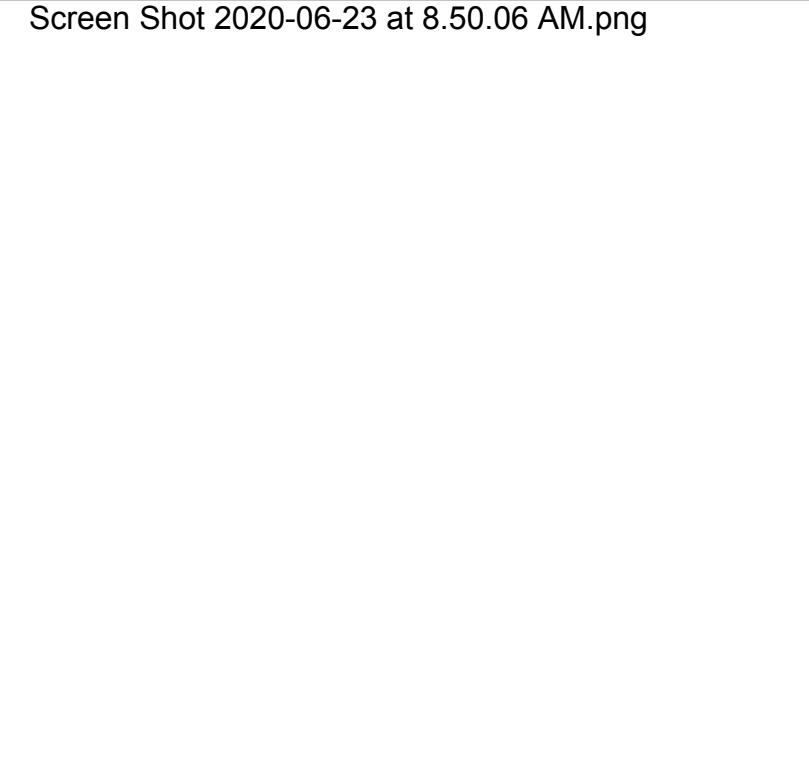
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Hi,  
As a resident of District 5 I was disappointed to see in the last newsletter that Paul Koretz is supporting more body cameras for police. I want to reiterate that as a constituent who supports BLM demands, this is exactly OPPOSITE of what they've called for and in fact goes against empirical research showing that body cameras are extremely ineffective. You are supporting funneling more money into the police department. We have seen for years that new technology and training is bound to be ignored or abused in the hands of police. The public wants to demilitarize the police force, which entails taking away high-tech tools and weaponry. That is a logical and feasible first step toward cutting their budget. Please consider getting in line with the huge public support for re-evaluating police budgets and finding areas where we can actually re-allocate their funds to social services, it is not a radical or unreasonable ask.

Thank you,  
Katie

Link to a study showing how body cameras changed police behavior (hint: it didn't):  
<https://bwc.thelab.dc.gov/#approach/1>

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**Attachments:**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:31:42 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund the Police, it's fun and cool!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90034 and I really love living in Palms as a proud AFSCME union member and life long Democrat.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Tens of thousands of Angelenos worked together to define what the city's priorities are, lead by brilliant folks from Black Lives Matter LA. Ignoring the voices of LA's most vulnerable citizens because of an imagined silent majority and entrenched powers fails your constituents. Our neighbors came together to say what they want our city to look like, and that focused on prioritizing people's needs, not funding a violent paramilitary police force. We should serve our neighbors, not our donors.

Throwing out the demands of this broad citizens' group is a really gross look for a public servant.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos. Police Reform has failed for decades. Now is the time to be brave and imagine a better future.

Thank you for your time,

Alan Ronn

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Alan Ronn

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 18:49:57 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund The Police, Support the PBLA and Wesson's Motion OR Resign

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and staff,

I am an Angelino and I live in District 5. I am a 2nd generation Angelino, my mom was born in this city in a neighborhood that is currently a part of this district and we reside now in the Westwood neighborhood (zip code is 90025). I am a Jeremiah Fellow with and member of **Bend The Arc** here in LA and I am writing in support of the demands of **Black Lives Matter LA**.

I am emailing to demand you **support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly**. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also **support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769** to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. But I am ashamed to be represented by the councilperson with his recent votes and statements. The audacity to claim victimhood and injury at today's budget meeting is laughable (to object to being aligned with white supremacy) as if scrutiny is unwarranted. But your recent decisions to vote against the will of the people expressed in the Peoples Budget priorities demonstrates whose interests you support. But if you denounce white supremacy, white complicity and systemic violence towards BIPOC Americans then you have the power to answer the powerful question posed by BLM organizer Dr. Melina Abdula; "**Whose Are You?**" The peoples? Or the Police?

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. I was standing at the line on 3rd street where peaceful protestors stood in defiance of a heavily armed and militarized wall of police when they started swinging batons at us, creating chaos and at one point I was almost trampled as people fled from attack. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents. The chief with his deplorable comments has tipped his hand and shown that he does not interact with the public as citizens exercising their rights, but as enemies and equates them with murderers. How can he be trusted to lead a force when he expresses this animus? But beyond the question of whether or not he is fit to lead (he is NOT and should be terminated) is what is*

*the councilmember GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? This was the primary question BLM organizer Baba Akili posed the council and Mr. Koretz has demonstrated with his vote on 06.16 that he aligns with the police and refuses to recognize the voice of the people who are in the streets and calling and writing and emailing your office to demand we Defund The Police.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

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In Solidarity,  
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Subject: Defund the Police. Support the People's Budget!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5, zip code 90024. I am a medical student at UCLA.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Yoon Lee

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Date: Thu Jun 25 2020 15:46:42 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Defund the Police/Support the People's Budget

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I'm a lifelong resident of West Los Angeles, and I cannot begin to express how disappointed and angry I am that Councilman Koretz continues to oppose the most meager cuts in funding to the police. I'm asking that he support Defunding the Police and the People's Budget (<https://peoplesbudgetla.com/>).

Councilman Koretz continues to make asinine comments to defend LAPD's truly obscene budget, even going so far as to reference The Purge. There are no studies that show that an increase in police presence results in a decrease in crime. We've seen time and time again that LAPD murders and brutalizes people in this city with impunity. They are not making us any safer.

The money we're spending on the police could very easily be spent elsewhere, and get way more results. Additionally, the city wastes money every year on settlements with victims of LAPD brutality. We need housing, healthcare, better schools and a host of other things. What we don't need is the police.

The councilman portrays himself as a liberal, but he has been an obstinate conservative in the face of one of the most pressing issues of our time. We have a chance for real change. Instead, he continues to defend a truly broken system that treats poor people and minorities as less than human.

Please support the People's Budget and Defund the Police. It's the only thing that will work. Incremental reforms have proven to fail again and again.

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 15:12:25 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: DEMAND FOR THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a native Angeleno and I live in District 5 and my zip code is 90036.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this monumental step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Best,

Rebecca Rodriguez

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 16:51:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Demand to Support the People's Budget LA

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Hi Mr. Koretz and staffers,

My name is Paul Sutton Dewey III, one of your constituents in District 5, as well as a member of IATSE Local 871.

Your lack of support so far for the People's Budget is unacceptable and the entire city is paying attention. Your constituents demand that you enact policies that divert LAPD funds toward education, public health, housing, and youth services. We need to see you caring not about cops, but the communities you serve.

If you do not swiftly take action on these policies, I can guarantee you that you will not have my vote in the next election and I will devote significant time and resources to insure you are voted out. Thanks for your time and I hope you can get to work on all of this right away.

Best,  
Paul Sutton Dewey III  
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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 21:30:34 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Demanding Support for the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a recent graduate from UCLA. My zip code is 90024.

I am taking the time to write to you today to **DEMAND that you support the [People's Budget LA](#)** for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Only 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be allocated towards LAPD, not 50% which is egregiously excessive. I also demand that you **support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#)** to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams that would be more appropriate and effective.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because we should be prioritizing **universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, infrastructure/the built environment, and reimaged public safety** over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, **especially Black and Indigenous communities—the most at risk of police brutality and murder**—to create a budget that serves **ALL** Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, **you are FAILING constituents like myself.**

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. **It has made clear—through both physical and digital actions—that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.** Throughout this time of mass protest, the **police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors.** LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television, which is a horrific display of white supremacy and systemic racism ingrained in our institutions. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors, which is ignorant unsubstantiated and propagates racial gaslighting. Many police officers have hurt, abused, and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded **NOW.** I urge you to **support the People's Budget LA**, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 19:53:57 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Demands for Councilmember Koretz

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. **I am a UCLA graduate and lifelong resident of Los Angeles.** My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Eric Pierce**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 18:15:59 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Disappointed in Koretz

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Christina Read, and I live in your district in Westwood, Los Angeles. My zip code is 90095.

I am emailing you now to ask you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Thank you for your time,  
Christina Read

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 09:19:50 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: District 5 Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and live in district 5. I am a UCLA student living in Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Thank you for your time,

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:36:03 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: District 5 Constituent requesting that Councilmember Koretz support defunding the police and motino 20-0769

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am your constituent and live in District 5. I live in Westwood and my zip code is 90024.

I am extremely disappointed that you voted against a report to identify cuts in the LAPD budget. In a time when leadership and change is necessary to save Black lives, you are failing to act and choosing to keep the status quo. Your beliefs and actions as an individual person may not be racist, but your vote is. When you, as a white elected official with power to affect the lives of so many for generations to come, don't take actions to disrupt a racist system, you allow it to perpetuate, and any act that supports systemic racism is racist. Your vote prioritized white residents' desire to preserve their comfort over residents' of color hope to stop being murdered by LAPD. Your vote was a racist act.

You can undo that act. I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Thank you for your time,

Stacy Lee



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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 08:00:00 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: District 5 Resident Request

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Hello Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Natania and I'm a lifelong resident of Los Angeles County. I have lived in Los Angeles proper since 2008 and currently live in Los Angeles District Five, 90036.

I'm reaching out with a request - I strongly support the [People's Budget LA](#) and as my representative, would urge you to support it as well. I don't believe that 50% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going towards LAPD, and want the budget for the 2020-2021 year to be revised to reflect the interests of the LA community. I am encouraging you to support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769, which diverts select emergency calls away from LAPD, and towards unarmed and trained response teams. I strongly feel that Los Angeles should prioritize the needs of its community - housing, food access, clean water and air, education, and social services.

I think it's imperative that we re-imagine what public safety looks like for Angelenos. Our most vulnerable are most affected by police violence and overpolicing, and that is unacceptable.

Thank you for listening.

Best,  
Natania

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Date: Thu Jun 25 2020 09:45:04 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: District 5: Constituent Email, \*Plead for Budget Reallocation\*

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a student at USC Marshall School of Business and a proud member of this community. My zip code is 90038.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

I'm outraged that in a time of a pandemic, where basic healthcare is hard to come by - funding the police is ridiculous. It is not that I have anything against the police, but the level of brutality and disregard for basic human rights is unconscionable.

***The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.***

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Stephanie Danis

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emely.candray@lacity.org, kevin.nahai@lacity.org, angel.izard@lacity.org  
Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:25:22 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Do Right by Erich and Doris

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno, and I live in District Five. I work in the television/film industry and have lived in Palms for the past four years. My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

I did some research on your background and found that we have a lot in common. Like your mother, Doris, my family also escaped to America from the Russian pogroms. As someone who is also Jewish, I am sure your father, Erich, escaping Nazi Germany affected your outlook in many ways. You marched in picket lines with your father and built your platform off of social justice. Since you carry this history with you and have utilized it to work your way into office, I find your lack of support for the People's Budget surprising and disappointing. You may not feel like you have to join the picket line any longer, but as an elected official, you have a duty to ensure your constituents are heard. You and your family have seen what unchecked power and force can do to groups of people. You should know better than anyone that we need you to put the money back into the community. If you can't see your way to that then you don't deserve to be a representative of our city.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Kelsey Amentt**

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angel.izard@lacity.org  
Date: Mon Jun 29 2020 09:25:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Do Right by Your Community

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I'm writing you once again to ask that you do right by your community and **support the People's Budget LA** for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

I am an Angeleno, and I live in District Five. I work in the film/television industry, and I have lived in Palms for the past four years. My zip code is 90034.

Five percent of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not fifty percent. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I **demand that you support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769** to divest certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

You've admitted yourself that this pandemic is a matter of life and death and that we all need to take action in order to help one another. For those of us who are civilians that means wearing a mask, but for someone such as yourself you could take this opportunity to put the superfluous amounts of money you're spending on LAPD towards public health initiatives. You could take a stronger stance than Garcetti and provide the resources we need as a community to get through this pandemic safely. If you give half of your budget away to the LAPD, you're not only endangering those targeted by law enforcement, you're depriving the entire community of resources we need to get by. **We're not asking you to remove law enforcement altogether, we're asking you to use these funds to save the community from falling into disrepair.**

I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angenos.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Amentt

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emely.candray@lacity.org, kevin.nahai@lacity.org  
Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:33:47 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Do the right thing. Defund LAPD now.

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Aryeh Cohen

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From: Jay Greenstein <jay.greenstein@lacity.org>  
To: Debbie Dyner Harris <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org>  
Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 17:18:02 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Fwd: Do the right thing. Defund LAPD now.

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This is Rabbi Aryeh Cohen who teaches at AJU and is a leader among progressive Jewish activists. I believe that this may be a community leader worthwhile for PK to reach out to.

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Jay Greenstein  
Chief Field &  
Transportation Deputy  
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To: Jay Greenstein <jay.greenstein@lacity.org>  
Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 17:21:16 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: Do the right thing. Defund LAPD now.

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this is a cut and paste email. he doesn't identify himself in any way as a community leader and i think it is a different person

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:54:59 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: Do the right thing. Defund LAPD now.

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I am certain this is the same person, but that is okay. My thought is that PK can benefit from discussing issues such as this with progressive Jewish leaders who know his record on progressive issues.

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 **Jay Greenstein**

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To: Jay Greenstein <jay.greenstein@lacity.org>  
Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:19:14 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: Do the right thing. Defund LAPD now.

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ikar has already asked to meet with him about this

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 15:38:34 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: Do the right thing. Defund LAPD now.

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I am not surprised.

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Bcc: jay.greenstein@lacity.org  
Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 09:50:29 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Do The Right Thing

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a lifelong resident of Los Angeles and of City Council District 5. I am a proud union member and plan on attending law school in this city in the coming years. My zip code is 90035.

I am calling on you, my elected representative, to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. As the representative for one of the wealthiest and whitest districts in the county, if not the country, I IMPLORE you to divest from the LAPD - an institution firmly rooted in white supremacy and state violence, and invest in the Los Angeles community. Invest in housing, in education, in clean air and water, in the resources that you and I have never once in our lives had to worry we would not have enough of.

I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city must prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos, and does not perpetuate the vast wealth and racial inequality that benefits people like yourself and your fellow councilmembers.

By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me. You are perpetuating a system of violence and poverty that you benefit DIRECTLY from. It is unconscionable, as an ELECTED representative of the city, to blatantly ignore the voices of 25,000 Angelinos, over 50 community and religious groups, of the labor movement, and of countless others in LA county, who are imploring you to do the right thing.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused, and maimed your constituents, who were doing nothing more than exercising their First Amendment right to peaceful assembly.

The recent violence against Angelinos by the LAPD is unacceptable and the LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to have a moral conscience and support the People's Budget LA now.

Thank you for your time.

Leora Swerdlow

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From: Frances Vano <francesvano@gmail.com>  
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Bcc: jay.greenstein@lacity.org  
Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 20:33:50 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Do your job as the voice of Angelenos and support the People's Budget LA NOW

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Hi Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angelino and I live in District 5. To be more specific, I am a fourth year UCLA student and a part of Samahang Pilipino, a Filipino organization on campus. My zip code is 90024.

I'm demanding you to support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. The LAPD doesn't NEED 50% of LA's unrestricted revenues. Only 5% maximum of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD. We need to redirect and reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into other aspects of the community; such as, and not limited to, social work, affordable housing, accessible healthcare, etc. These are areas that, when funded adequately, can and WILL improve the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert specific emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, L.A. has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has been made clear (through both physical and digital actions) that LA must NOT use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

For reference, here is a Twitter thread of police officers inciting violence at peaceful protests all over the country: <https://twitter.com/ghsttwn/status/1266869210539589634>

LAPD isn't exempt from this violence either. Just this last week, LAPD shot and killed 18-year-old Andres Guardado. LAPD has shown their abusive nature and lack of control time and time again. Killing Andres Guardado didn't make this community "safer".

The violence against Angelenos practicing their First Amendment right by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded...NOW. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Best,  
Frances Vano

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:04:11 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Do your job, defund the LAPD

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Good afternoon Councilmember Koretz and staff,

I am a resident of Rancho Park in District 5. My zip code is 90064 and I am writing because I am disgusted by Councilmember Koretz' inaction during this moment. It is time for him to do the right thing for once in his life and stand up to the lawlessness of the LAPD and their incompetent oaf of a police chief.

I am demanding you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

- *Optional: include personal story or anecdote.*
- *Optional: The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

I'd also like to address the councilmember's staff. How are you holding Councilmember Koretz accountable for his inaction? Did you want to work in city government to help people or are you just in it to accrue power? Do you believe Black lives matter? How can you look yourself in the mirror knowing that the Councilmember has done nothing but support the LAPD during their campaign of terrorism against peaceful Angelenos over the last month? Your silence makes you complicit and it's time for you to do something, because if Councilmember Koretz is too corrupt or lazy to do his job, then you better do something. Otherwise, how do you sleep?

Thank you,

Michael Darling

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Date: Sat Jun 27 2020 18:01:08 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Do Your Job. Care for the LA Community.

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a UCLA student and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Chloe Smith

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 18:44:21 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Do your job

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a student at UCLA, a renter, and an employee at a mid-scale consulting firm. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Adriel Friedlender**

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 09:26:25 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Email from constituent in CD5

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Nancy Lee and I work at the Hammer Museum at UCLA, which is in your district. I'm extremely proud to be part of the Westwood community and university campus and I am urging you to prioritize our people over police. A few weeks ago we saw how LAPD brutalized peaceful protestors and journalists. This is inexcusable. The fact that UCLA's Jackie Robinson Stadium as a detention space for those same peaceful protestors is also a horror, and I am part of a UCLA-wide movement to divest from police at the university as well.

Please support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community.

Also please support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Be on the right side of history. The police have got to go and supporting this outdated institution of racist origin is NOT a good look.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Lee

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From: Jacob Woocher <jacob.woocher@gmail.com>  
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Date: Sat Jun 27 2020 13:16:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Fwd: City Employee Letter to Mayor and City Council

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Hi Koretz Staffers, please see the forwarded email calling for City Hall workers to join in solidarity with BLM-LA and the People's Budget. Now is not the time to be silent.

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kevin.nahai@lacity.org, angel.izard@lacity.org  
Date: Sun Jun 28 2020 17:32:13 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Fwd: Forwarded Letter to Paul Koretz and Council requesting Adoption of People's Budget LA

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Dear District 5 Council Staff Members,

I am a member of District 5. First and foremost, I want to thank you for your service in our community. Second, due to the important imminent vote on the budget, I would like to make you aware of the request letter that I sent to Councilmember Koretz and forwarded to the City Council regarding adopting the People's Budget and creating legitimate and adequately funded trained services to help our communities fix what is broken and flourish.

Sincerely,  
Noelle Stehman  
District 5

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Date: Mon Jun 29 2020 13:40:39 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Fwd: FW: Police Commission June 30th at 9:30 am.

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in case you weren't hearing from people who support LAPD... (though these are not necessarily our constituents)

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Date: Mon Jun 29 2020 14:51:41 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: FW: Police Commission June 30th at 9:30 am.

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Should we pass this info out to our groups who have been vocal?

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Date: Mon Jun 29 2020 15:30:58 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: FW: Police Commission June 30th at 9:30 am.

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i don't think so but if someone has a different opinion, please share. thanks

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Date: Wed Jun 10 2020 15:16:33 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Hello from a constituent

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Hello Councilmember Koretz and staff,

I'm writing because like many people I've become painfully aware of the need to radically change how policing works in Los Angeles. Under no circumstances can we let this moment pass without major change - beyond the "8 Can't Wait" reforms and into something substantive that will realign public safety with the sprawling authoritarian mess with which we are currently saddled.

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  - Yes I know it sounds pie in the sky but the aims are so noble and good. I hope you will let this be the center of any negotiation of which you are a part.
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Thank you for reading and considering!

Mike Royce  
2221 Linnington Ave  
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Date: Fri Jun 12 2020 13:14:32 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: Hello from a constituent

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Thank you, Michael, for your important and thoughtful email. The Councilmember appreciates that you took the time to reach out, and he will take your thoughts into consideration as he goes through this budget process.

Debbie

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Date: Fri Jun 12 2020 13:53:17 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: Hello from a constituent

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Thank you!

On Jun 12, 2020, at 1:14 PM, Debbie Dyner Harris <[debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org](mailto:debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org)> wrote:

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Debbie

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Date: Tue Jun 16 2020 12:24:30 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: Hello from a constituent

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Hello Councilmember Koretz,

I am honestly beside myself.



<https://twitter.com/AlpertReyes/status/1272942798065393664>

Why would you vote against a mere REPORT? Your heart truly does not seem to be in the right place on this one. Why? I mean really, why??

Large numbers of people are clamoring for substantive changes in LAPD policing. It is OBVIOUS that it needs to happen. Please answer the call. Don't be on the wrong side of history on this.

—Mike Royce

On Jun 10, 2020, at 3:16 PM, Michael Royce <[mikeroyce@me.com](mailto:mikeroyce@me.com)> wrote:

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Date: Tue Jun 16 2020 14:04:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: Hello from a constituent

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Dear Mr. Royce,

Thank you very much for voicing your concerns. I will be sure to pass your suggestions along to Councilman Koretz. If there is anything else we can do to assist you please let me know.

Respectfully,  
Kevin Nahai

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 08:38:52 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Hello from South Robertson

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Sana and I'm an Angeleno living in District 5. I have made South Robertson my home; my zip code is 90035.

I'm writing to urge you to support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. As your constituent, I am happy to explain this to you in as much detail as you want if you have any questions.

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's inflated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. Please help people; you have the power to do it.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. We must act now.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos. I want to feel South Robertson is truly safe.

Thank you,  
Sana Khawaja

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 17:03:49 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Hello!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and other,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My name is Theri Aronson, and me and family are homeowners in Westwood- My zip code is 90024. Landline: 310-470-0115. I am recent graduate of Scripps College in Claremont & full time resident of LA.

I am writing to ask you to support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I am asking that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police... read more on their website.

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

- Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Theri

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Date: Fri Jul 10 2020 18:22:26 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Hey

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90094.

I support the constituents who [came to protest at your home](#) on Saturday 6/27, and I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Hundreds of your constituents signed our petition to support the People's Budget LA and a multi-billion dollar cut from LAPD's budget, and it is time for you to listen to us.

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you support the People's Budget LA and the [motion](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department.

- *You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, district 5 has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions in our district — that LA must not use its money to fund LAPD.

- *Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent, persistent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**You're a loser try to care about your constituents. The budget that was passed is pitiful and we are not done fighting**

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emely.candray@lacity.org, kevin.nahai@lacity.org, angel.izard@lacity.org  
Date: Wed Jul 01 2020 20:49:08 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Humanitarian demands on the problems at large

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I reside near UCLA in Westwood and am active in the LGBT communities. My zip code is 90024.

I am sending this email to demand your support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

- *The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

*David-Alex West*

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:49:23 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: I am your constituent.

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I just moved here 2 years ago and my zip code is 90036. I work in R&D as a scientist for a cancer research startup here in LA.

I am writing this email to demand you support the [People's budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. I strongly believe that 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, definitely not 50%.

I have gone to protests and witnessed with my own eyes the police brutality first hand. The police are not helping, and the extreme response to peaceful protest terrifies me for the future. I am sure you are well aware at this point that LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television and Chief Moore blamed the murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. The public's trust in the police has eroded and you are in the position of power now to make a lasting change.

In addition, I also demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. The police have shown time and time again that they are only capable of using excessive force. Please protect your constituents.

Thank you,  
Danielle Chan

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christopher.givens@lacity.org, jarrett.thompson@lacity.org, cara.goldman@lacity.org  
Date: Sun Jun 28 2020 12:34:44 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: I demand a Peoples budget!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an constituent and a tenant in 90094. I love my community and want all to be safe who live here. I support the People's Budget and am disappointed you do not. As a tax payer, I expect a good return on my money. The police do not achieve that end. Instead of 50% of the city budget, lets start with 5%. TRY SOMETHING NEW!

I also urge your support of Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. TRY SOMETHING NEW!

The violence shown by the LAPD over last weeks is undeniable. No more murders!

Thanks for your time,  
Taylor Spaur

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emely.candray@lacity.org, kevin.nahai@lacity.org, angel.izard@lacity.org  
Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:32:13 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: I do not feel safe around the police

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a constituent of District 5. My zipcode is 90024. I am a UCLA student who has been living in District 5 for the past three years, and I plan to live here for many years afterwards.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) and that you support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD through protests and emails like this.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka even flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

I, personally, do not feel safe in the presence of police officers even though I am doing nothing wrong. Our trust in the police has been destroyed. I am demanding you defund LAPD since they don't even make us feel safe anymore. In fact, they frighten many of your constituents like me.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

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**Katherine Woo**

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From: Jay Greenstein <jay.greenstein@lacity.org>  
To: Debbie Dyner Harris <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org>  
Date: Tue Jun 02 2020 14:50:45 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: I have been in the office for a few hours and departing shortly

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The phone has been ringing quite a bit. Are those all calls about the LAPD budget?

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Jay Greenstein  
Chief Field &  
Transportation Deputy  
Councilmember Paul  
Koretz, Fifth District

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To: Jay Greenstein <jay.greenstein@lacity.org>  
Date: Tue Jun 02 2020 15:57:33 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: I have been in the office for a few hours and departing shortly

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oh yes. it has been an absolute nightmare, though today is way better than yesterday. i cannot wait to not have all phones forwarded to me. seriously, cannot wait.

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**Debbie Dyner Harris**  
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To: Debbie Dyner Harris <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org>  
Date: Tue Jun 02 2020 16:19:48 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: I have been in the office for a few hours and departing shortly

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I understand, perhaps it is time to hand that off to someone else.

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**Jay Greenstein**  
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To: Jay Greenstein <jay.greenstein@lacity.org>  
Date: Tue Jun 02 2020 16:27:52 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: I have been in the office for a few hours and departing shortly

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i don't know, maybe

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:11:49 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: I Urge You to Divest from LAPD and Invest in Communities. We Must Reimagine Public Safety - Now!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I'm a resident and voter in LA and I live in District 5. I am a law student and I attend UCLA School of Law. My zip code is 90034.

I personally urge you to take a strong public stand against racism, white supremacy, and police brutality by supporting efforts to redirect funding away from LAPD and towards community supports and trained, unarmed crisis response teams. I am deeply concerned by the pandemic of racism in our systems of policing and punishment, racism which we have seen exposed so clearly this month through the unjust and inexcusable deaths of Black people at the hands of police, as well as through the militarized and violent law enforcement responses to community members exercising their constitutional rights to free speech and assembly.

I am emailing you to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Jenna Finkle

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Jenna Finkle  
UCLA School of Law  
J.D. Candidate, Class of 2022

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From: RYLEE CROWLEY <rgirl1000@ucla.edu>  
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Bcc: jay.greenstein@lacity.org  
Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:08:52 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: I want Care not Cops, defund the police

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

Hi. My name is Rylee Crowley. I am an Angelino and I live in District 5. I am currently a rising senior at UCLA. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

At UCLA, I am part of an organization called Hunger Project. We participate in various forms of outreach and community service projects across LA, especially aiding those who are experiencing homelessness. We listen to a lot of people, both in the academic world and living in shelters, about their grievances about how LA continues to fail its most vulnerable residents. One of the most striking and commonly heard complaints is about the criminalization of homelessness and the fear and violence that police cause. This is on top of the growing crisis of rising rents, lack of safe/affordable housing, and gentrification. The fact that this county continues to prioritize policing and not funding for housing, social services, and other things that would benefit the residents that need it the most is despicable. I am pleading you to listen to the people. We NEED these services more than ever, especially during this pandemic. *You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. I have listened to stories from fellow Westwood residents about the fear they felt during these times. During the week leading up to finals, protestors were detained at Jackie Robinson Stadium for speaking out against police brutality. Some of my peers experienced those inhumane conditions-- in the middle of a pandemic-- and were denied food, water, and essential services. Listening to these stories highlight how much the LAPD fails to keep us healthy and safe. We need to fund better institutions instead.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Rylee Crowley  
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Date: Mon Jun 29 2020 17:54:41 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: I Want Care Not Cops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a business owner, actor, and a member of the LGBTQ+ community. My zip code is 91504.

I am writing today to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Over the past two weeks, our city has shown that it overwhelming supports defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. The whole world watched as:

- LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television.
- Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors.
- Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now! I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Aaron Tyler

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paul.koretz@lacity.org  
Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:08:10 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: I want CARE, not COPS

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

Enough is enough, and the voting citizens of Los Angeles are watching you.

I am an Angeleno and member of the Asian American community in Los Angeles, as well as a film industry professional and graduate of the American Film Institute Conservatory.

I demand that you support the People's Budget Los Angeles and divest funding from the already bloated budget of the Los Angeles Police Department. I urge you to also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

I have witnessed the audacity, rashness, and complete disregard for human life with which LAPD officers have treated my fellow Angelenos exercising their right to protest. It is disgusting, un-American and unconstitutional. I demand that you and all of our elected officials do the right thing and uphold your sworn duty to protect the lives and rights of the citizens that voted you into office.

Thank you for your time,  
Yuki Aizawa

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:33:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: In Support of People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a Geography student at UCLA and my zip code is 90024. I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

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Danny Clark

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 17:54:41 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: It is time to take a REAL stand against police violence

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I do not live in your district but I still want to URGE you to support the People's Budget LA.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The events of the last month are not new - but they have been eye-opening for many of us in the community. We can no longer tolerate inaction from the city of LA. The LAPD have LONG abused their power and it is very clear that reform is not enough.

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Thank you for your time,

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 17:20:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Koretz - Support the People's Budget LA PLEASE

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I grew up in Los Angeles and am an MBA candidate at USC. My zip code is 90048.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Thank you for your time,

**Maddie Mayerson**

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:42:30 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: KORETZ! Adopt The Peoples Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz & team,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I'm an employee at Warner Music Group and I am 28 years old. My zip code is 90048.

I have been asking myself this question and I urge you to do the same: **Do you want your tax money to line the pockets of a group of (often uneducated, poorly trained, violent, biased, racist, even murderous) police officers, who live above the law (via qualified immunity) and carry deadly weapons? OR would you rather see that money go towards mental health services, unarmed counselors who are trained to de-escalate social conflict, EDUCATION, and social services for the poor / underserved Black communities?** **If you can't answer that question in under 5 seconds, RESIGN. RESIGN IMMEDIATELY....And if you CAN, and choose to do nothing about it, WE ARE GOING TO VOTE YOU OUT. It is simple. Here are our demands:**

**OUR DEMANDS ARE CLEAR:**

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, **not 50%!!!!** That number is preposterous. I don't want the great majority of our community's tax money to go toward an inherently biased, racist, violent and disorderly organization that does anything but "protect and serve" our neighborhoods.

We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support **Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769** to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Do the right thing. WAKE UP.

Sincerely,

Margo

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 20:07:49 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: KORETZ! Adopt The Peoples Budget LA

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Hi Debbie,

Thanks for responding on his behalf. Looping your entire team back in. A few more questions for you and him:

- Has he watched The People's Budget LA presentation given at a city council meeting that he did not attend? You're in luck! You can still view every slide of the presentation here: <https://peoplesbudgetla.com/presentation/>. This very clearly lays out the reasons why we feel the "arbitrary cuts" he speaks of are needed. They aren't arbitrary at all. They are VERY deliberate. And these demands are coming from a large sample size of his constituents who made their voices heard and took the survey to show where they would rather reallocate this money. **We did the work for you!**
- Why does the city spend over \$3 Billion to fund the LAPD? Where does the money go to?

Please show us a breakdown of where the LAPD funds go to. Until then, we will plot and plan to vote him out of our City Council. And We. Will. Vote. Him. Out. Until. He. Starts. Listening. To. His. Constituents. Who. He. Works. For. Good luck to any Old White Male holding public office in the youngest, most liberal city America. A man who refuses to take the time to look at the data from a massive survey given to his own constituents?....Well luck won't solve that problem.

(P.S. WE ARE AWARE KNOW THAT THE LAPPD DONATED 56K TO HIS LAST CAMPAIGN)

Goodbye,

Margo

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Date: Tue Jun 30 2020 11:30:38 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: LA Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I take extension courses at UCLA,. My partner and I have lived in Palms for the last 3 years and we intend to stay here for more years to come. My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to express my disappointment in your recent budget proposal. While I am glad you are in favor of cutting the LAPD budget, your proposed budget does not go far enough. I find it ridiculous that over half of our city's budget goes toward the police, while we are in the middle of a pandemic and the unhouse population continues to rise. We should be investing in affordable housing, schools and teachers, food programs, environmental protection, economic relief and healthcare. We do not need more guns, tear gas, or parking tickets.

I demand that you support the People's Budget LA and the [motion](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%.

The recent, persistent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Taylar Morrissey

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 12:11:03 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: LA budget--defund the police

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a resident of Los Angeles and I live in District 5. I am a Loyola Law School student. My zip code is 90035.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. The LAPD should NOT be receiving 50% of LA's unrestricted revenue. If anything, the LAPD should be receiving closer to 5%. We need to reinvest the LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

I have lived in Los Angeles for a majority of my life, and I have never felt or been protected by the LAPD. Instead, I have seen over and over how LAPD officers berate houseless people for simply being outside, racially profile Black members of our community, and use aggression and threats of force in ALL interactions with members of the public. I am tired of the LAPD being free to terrorize Angelenos while facing zero repercussions. I am tired of hearing that we do not have enough money as a city to address decrepit infrastructure, homelessness, and unemployment when we see that a majority of our money goes to the LAPD--who again, does nothing to solve those issues.

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You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities--the most at risk of police burltality and murder--to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos, not just the wealthy ones. By voting against cuts to the LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me. You are accountable to your constituents, not the LAPPL, regardless of where your campaign donations came from.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear, through both physical and digital actions, that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, NOW. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,  
Tiffany Wood

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Date: Mon Jun 01 2020 22:08:06 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: LA City Budget Proposal

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I wanted to reach out about the LA city budget proposal. The one that has been proposed by the Mayor cannot go into effect without your voice and action. Please ensure a meeting gets called TODAY.

Primarily, I am deeply concerned regarding the \$3 billion+ dedicated solely to LAPD. I urge city council to vote to adopt a People's Budget (see graphic below).

We are in the midst of a health pandemic with severe economic consequences. Over 50% of Angelenos are unemployed — and we can expect 42% lasting unemployment. Over 50% of this city is renters. If people are unemployed, they cannot pay rent. As we know, this has compounding repercussions for small property owners' ability to pay mortgages.

Prior to the pandemic, there were around 60k unhoused people in Los Angeles; after evictions and economic insecurity due to COVID-19 and its fall out, we can expect thousands more. Within this context, the Mayor is for proposing an increase to LAPD, despite the fact that crime has fallen considerably during the past few months. LAPD has seen a rise in overtime which, more often than not, is paid out to officers harassing unhoused people, and Black, Indigenous, people of color.

The amount being proposed for LAPD is obscene. I'm sure you know that LAPD has killed over 600 people since 2012. As I write this, LAPD officers continue to INCITE violence and bring destructive force to legitimate protests that are a direct result of inaction by people in your position. Now, the budget is set to increase LAPD spending.

The police union president justified the increase in spending by saying "The nature of police work has evolved... we are also now therapists, drug treatment counselors, social workers and EMTs, among many other things." But it's not appropriate for police officers to call themselves social workers. This work should not be handled by a police officer who is carrying a gun and is trained to use lethal force. The city should divest money from police and invest in actual social workers, EMTs, etc, however possible. After all, how can you support increased funding for LAPD while services for unhoused Angelenos receive a sliver of the amount (see graph below)?

After failing to vote on the mayor's budget proposal last week, City Council referred it back to the Budget and Finance Committee. Now, the Committee has decided not to meet, thereby evading its duty and upholding the racist and white-supremacist structures that underlie both the proposal and City Council as a governing body. All the while, LAPD continues to harass and kill the most vulnerable members of our population.

I am urging you to publicly support the People's Budget. The Mayor's budget proposal MUST be fundamentally altered to reflect the priorities of actual Angelenos. We need to disinvest from a broken and corrupt LAPD, and invest in community- and health-centered services. Public opinion is with me (see attached survey data below).

I saw that councilmember Herb J. Wesson publicly acknowledged People's Budget LA and pledged to enact bold, structural change to fundamentally alter systems that are built by their very nature to hurt people of color. I hope you will do the same and we will not back down while we wait for you to catch up with this long overdue change. Thank you.

Dylan Gessner

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Top Priorities.png

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**Attachments:**

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Date: Mon Jun 08 2020 10:51:44 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Lapd and funding community based policing

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Hi Paul

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LA has moved a great distance towards building warm and friendly relationships between the police force and the community. Falsely creating an adversarial relationship based on problems and other cities is really a tragic mistake.

You can set the precedent for other cities by making the best programs within LAPD part of the solution rather than reinforcing the narrative that public safety is somehow not in the best interest of the community.

Please don't make the police the enemy and defund it. Create a positive narrative that will benefit the city for years to come.

Howard Witkin

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Subject: Re: Lapd and funding community based policing

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Thank you for the email and correspondence. We appreciate it very much. Have a great afternoon.

Regards,

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Subject: Re: Lapd and funding community based policing

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Thank you for the email and correspondence. We appreciate it very much.

Angelenos and stakeholders who would like to offer public comment on the items listed on the Budget Committee agenda Today, June 8, 2020, should at 2:00 PM call [1 669 254 5252](#) and use Meeting ID No. [161 829 4030](#) and then press #. Press # again when prompted for participant ID. Once admitted into the meeting, press \*9 to request to speak.

Callers will be able to make General Public Comment for 1 Minute.

Please be aware, wait times may be long to be able to speak.

Have a great afternoon. Thank you once again for engaging and making your voice heard in the City of Angels. Take care.

Regards,

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LA has moved a great distance towards building warm and friendly relationships between the police force and the community. Falsely creating an adversarial relationship based on problems and other cities is really a tragic mistake.

You can set the precedent for other cities by making the best programs within LAPD part of the solution rather than reinforcing the narrative that public safety is somehow not in the best interest of the community.

Please don't make the police the enemy and defund it. Create a positive narrative that will benefit the city for years to come.

Howard Witkin

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 17:25:27 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: LAPD budget vote

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Hello, I live in council district 5 and I'm writing to you just to say that I'm very disturbed by the fact that councilman Koretz has voted against the LAPD budget cut. I think this is irresponsible and ignores what much of the city is now demanding. I encourage him to reconsider this decision and think about taking away resources from police and putting them into something far more productive for our budget.

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 22:00:22 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: LAPD reform

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Dear Councilmember Koretz:

I am a constituent in your council district (zip code 90036), and am writing you today to express my deep disappointment in your NO vote to even a modest cut in the LAPD's massive budget, and in your tweet that property destruction was "no less troubling" than the murder of George Floyd. I urge you to take a stronger stance in being a proponent for true reform in the LAPD.

The proposed People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, revising the LAPD's share of unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD down to 5%, and Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams, are both worthy ideas that merit your support.

We need to both reallocate LAPD's bloated budget into the community, and begin a serious review of what functions and responsibilities can be taken away from an overburdened and undertrained police force that has no business in having some of these responsibilities in the first place.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. I hope with the power of your vote that you demonstrably show your commitment to the reimaging of public safety for Angelenos.

Ryan Chingcuangco

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angel.izard@lacity.org  
Date: Tue Jun 30 2020 12:13:15 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Last Chance at Redemption

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I'm writing you once more to ask that you listen to the requests of your constituents and **support the People's Budget LA** for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

I am an Angeleno, and I live in District Five. I work in the film/television industry, and I have lived in Palms for the past four years. My zip code is 90034.

Five percent of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not fifty percent. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you **support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769** to divest emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

By devoting these superfluous funds to the community, your voters will see that you want to build us up, not tear us down. Your support would show that you actually care about how this pandemic is affecting your people, not just how it's affecting your wallet. **You have an opportunity to make Los Angeles a place where people can thrive, not just get by.** This is your last chance to do what we are asking of you. If you choose not to support this movement, we will not forget come election time. **You have the responsibility, now you must wield it with purpose or be left in the dust.**

I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Amentt

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 12:13:28 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: LISTEN TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a 4th year UCLA Student and I live in District 5, zipcode 90024.

I write to you today to demand your support for the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. LAPD's overfunded allocation NEEDS to be redistributed back into the community. I also demand your support for Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769, which redirects emergency calls away from the police and instead toward unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

**By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.**

Over the past two weeks, the city of LA and your constituents have shown overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is absolutely unacceptable. LAPD must be defunded, immediately. You must support the People's Budget LA, and take this integral step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

I look forward to seeing the changes you will help make. Thank you for your time and for honoring the principles of democracy,

**Talia Gloster**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 15:21:53 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Los Angeles Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My husband and I are homeowners in South Carthay; I am writing on behalf of my entire family, especially our children (ages 7 and 4). I bet you didn't know that young families lived in this neighborhood! Some of us actually pay property tax on the current value of a home in this area. I know money talks in Los Angeles politics, so listen up because more money comes out of this household in state and local taxes than from the Prop 13 crowd around us!

Councilmember, I have never been more concerned about my family's future in Los Angeles than I have been in recent months. My neighbors? They could care less. They're either planning on moving away or dying before too long. The status quo is acceptable to them. For a father who wants a better future for his kids in this city the status quo is NOT acceptable. As your constituent, I am writing to ask you to support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. At the very least, I ask that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. This is a good, first step.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. I don't think you'd find a lot of LAPD fans here in South Carthay. Why do you think we've contracted with ACS for security? Because we cannot count on our Police Department to keep our neighborhood safe. What good are they? Defund them.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and the LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Best Wishes from South Carthay!  
- Anthony Danna

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 13:56:39 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: No More Acid On Our Community's Open Wounds

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and Respected Staff,

My name is Rucha and I am an Angelino and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student, a Westwood tenant, and a member of the Westwood Local of the Los Angeles Tenants Union. My current residence zip code is 90024. **I urge that you read this email in full.**

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

As your constituent, it is extremely important to me that you understand this. Your district is not immune to racism. I am not immune to racism. Neither are you. We all have room to grow, learn, and unlearn. On my walks to a Westwood bus station every morning, I pass by the same Black houseless individuals who do not have the basic resources they need to survive. Those same houseless individuals are harassed by the police on my walks back to my apartment in the evening. Hundreds of UCLA students engage in service work included the Mobile Clinic Project to try to fill in the gaps of care for vulnerable members of our community like them — **gaps that you are ignoring because arming police seems to matter more to you than providing critical and restorative resources like housing and health care.**

It may seem like this is a difficult decision but it shouldn't be, as a fellow person of faith, you likely understand that our moral responsibility must be to support human flourishing and wellbeing — not allocating millions of dollars to enact violence on the people you were elected to represent and support. **Many of my Black peers, your constituents, who are students have been fearful of even leaving their apartments to get groceries.** My apartment mate has been going out to get two of our Black roommates' things they need because they do not know when they might be murdered by the police for jogging or sleeping, arrested and zip tied and [left to urinate on themselves](#) for protesting peacefully, or be named in the next twitter hashtag #justicefor\_\_\_\_\_. That is the power of the police. The police that you continue to prioritize over human life. And what did my roommates' get for expressing their grief, their hurt, their frustration, their trauma? **Our Westwood landlord literally took down their #BlackLivesMatter posters off our balcony without any form of warning, consent, or acknowledgment.**

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need

to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

**If your number one priority was the safety and wellbeing of your constituents, I don't think I would have to be writing this email right now — I also understand that your priority is getting elected.** I can assure you that we know how to organize. We will do everything in our power to ensure that you do not get elected as L.A. Controller if you use your current position of power to enact further violence on my Black and Brown friends and family.

I believe that people can change when they learn more. I have changed as I have learned more throughout this process, and I believe that you have the same capability. Some may disagree with me, but **I believe (and hope) that you have good intentions too... but those intentions aren't enough. They must materialize into tangible action. Right now, the most just and humane course of action should be undeniably clear to you** (re: people's budget).

Please choose to be on the right side of history. Think of your great-grandchildren who will study 2020 in their history classes and ask, how did my great grandfather contribute in this moment of social change? Will they be ashamed, or proud? Envision that moment. **When our bodies begins to fail us and we have nothing left but to re-live and reflect on the work we did and the people we touched in our lifetimes, will the wealth matter then?** Will the police unions matter then? Will the wealthy Beverly Hills constituents matter then? Will people even know who you are if you were another status-quo politician that cared only about his own power, rather than empowering those around him? People will study the moments we are living right now, for centuries. People's eyes are on Los Angeles. Now is not the time to hide behind the curtain hoping someone else will step up to the plate.

**Los Angeles is in an unprecedented time — of organizing, of energy, of people's power. Whether you believe in this power or not, change is coming. As your constituent, I want to build a brighter future with you, not against you, but the choice is yours.**

As a person of faith, I firmly believe it is my responsibility to uphold my core values and support and defend those most vulnerable. That is why I am especially vocal in this moment. **I ask that you also reflect on your role as a person of faith in this moment. I ask that you support the flourishing and healing of the vulnerable members of our community instead of pouring acid on its open wounds.**

I leave you with an excerpt written by Aryeh Cohen in the [Jewish Journal](#):

*"The ultimate safety of all communities, including the Jewish community, will not come from relying on a militarized police force. Real safety and security come from knowing that other people, even people who meet you in a moment of crisis, have your best interests at heart. This is what Rabbi Simcha Zissel Ziv understood as "carrying someone else's burden with them," and he named it as a precursor to righteousness. We should be walking this path of radical empathy, which is where safety lies."*

Thank you for your time and consideration, Councilmember. I truly wish you and your loved

ones nothing but health, safety, and prosperity — and urgently hope that you and the members of your office wish the same for the communities you serve. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
**Rucha Modi**

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Date: Thu Jun 25 2020 12:10:28 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: No More Acid On Our Community's Open Wounds

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Hello Debbie,

I hope you are doing well. When can I expect a response from you regarding the points and incidents I raised in my previous email? Thank you in advance.

Best,  
Rucha

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 09:50:47 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject:

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a rising UCLA second year and will be moving into an apartment in Westwood this fall. My zip code is 90095

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Eden Breslauer-Friedman**

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 12:53:32 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Paul Koretz Should Support The People's Budget!

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My Name is Eddie and I am an Angelino and I live in Palms. My zip code is 90034. I have been involved in the protests for defunding the police and support the demands of Black Lives Matter LA, Students Deserve and the People's Budget.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

We need the city to care for the most at risk individuals, most prominently the Black youth, who are most at-risk to be murdered by LAPD.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Eddie Hustleby

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:30:52 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: People's Budget LA - Come on!!!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

Again, here I am, writing to you. My name is Annie and I live in your district, in the lovely community of Pico Robertson -- my zip code is 90035. I work in the entertainment industry and have called LA my home for 5 years now.

I called a week ago to ask you to follow Herb Wesson's lead with motion 20-0769. I really need you to be doing more. Your constituents are progressive and liberal and ready for changes in Los Angeles local government. I need you to reflect my beliefs instead of doing rogue things like voting against a report looking into an LAPD budget cut. This isn't going away any time soon -- you need to open your eyes. Again, I ask you to support the People's Budget LA for the next fiscal year and revise our budget. It's embarrassing that you voted against that report. What are your values? What do you stand for? I don't understand, currently, and I don't believe it represents your constituents' wishes. Support the People's Budget LA and help us make history in reimagining Angelenos' public safety--this is your chance to right the course. Please! I urge you!

Thank you for reading --  
Annie Winerip

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:46:57 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: People's Budget LA 2020-2021

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Gianna Tunzi and I am an Angeleno who lives in District 5. I am a UCLA student who lives and works in Westwood (zip code 90024). I am [calling/writing] to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Gianna Tunzi

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Subject: People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Kristida Chhour, and I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and I live in Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Policing is not the answer to keeping our communities safe. We must defund the police and invest in our communities. This money going toward policing goes toward criminalizing mental health, poverty, and homelessness. The answers to these issues is NOT the police. The answer is investing in the people of the community to aid the people dealing with these issues. LAPD has been incredibly harmful to the community, and it is very clear that they do not serve us. The LAPD does not serve its people. It harms them and this is proven time and time again. No amount of reform can fix this system that has created cops who will mercilessly beat the people they are meant to serve. The LAPD is FAILING US.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents. We can not stand for this. We can not tolerate it a second longer.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA,

and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
**Kristida Chhour**

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Subject: People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Paul Koretz,

My name is Yvonne Ly and I have lived in District 5 in the Pico-Robertson area for the past 9 years (my zip code: 90035).

I am emailing to urge you to support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I hope that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. San Francisco is pioneering a new system that we hope Los Angeles can join in.

In order to be more fiscally and morally responsible, we have to treat the source of our city's problems, not the symptoms. We should be more forward-thinking and invest in resources for our fellow and future Angelenos. I believe that focus on access to education and mental health for all will lessen crime and unrest, which will reduce the need for such a large police force. Every bit of our city's budget matters -- be it a penny, a dollar, or \$150 million.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the militant LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents. The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now.

As a representative of me and many other Angelenos that are unhappy with the state of affairs, I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos. I know you have been supportive of the LAPD, but please take this next step to prove that you can be a proper representative to your citizens.

Thank you,

**Yvonne Ly**

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Subject: People's Budget LA

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Councilmember Koretz and staff,

I'm a student and resident of council district 5, in Palms. I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Something like 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

LAPD still has fundamental similarities to the lawless department they were thirty years ago: the police are mostly still [outsiders from cities around LA](#) who come into the city thinking they need to rule it. They still [target Black and Latinx Angelenos disproportionately](#). They harbor [cliques of racist, xenophobic officers](#) who are itching to use their weapons and live out fantasies of violence.

Until this moment, the police knew that no one in LA politics would hold them accountable. You and your colleagues accepted thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from the police union. Police salaries and benefits have been [rising](#) while other public servants' pay is staying flat. And after LA's projected revenues plummeted during the stay-at-home order, you issued a new budget, slashing funding across the board... [except for the LAPD](#).

The police's confidence in their own impunity is evident in their treatment of protestors: [shooting](#) press with rubber bullets, [refusing](#) to wear coverings over their mouths, [plowing](#) their SUVs into pedestrians.

They'd rather kill people than give up their raises.

Chief Moore's petulant and childish performance today is another example of this, as he dodges Councilmember Bonin's questions and totally refuses to consider cutting a single sworn officer from his bloated and ineffective department, even though he agrees we should shift responsibilities for many nonviolent calls away from the police.

They'd rather impoverish the city than give up their power.

Your comments today reflecting the idea that some silent majority supports your pro-police stance are an embarrassing echo of law-and-order tactics embraced by right wing politicians from Nixon to Trump. If you don't want people to call you a white supremacist, stop singing from their hymnal. And stop carrying water for the police.

Over the past several weeks, this city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. LA has made clear, in the streets and in public comment to city council, that the lion's share of the budget must not be used to fund the murderous LAPD. The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now.

I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

- Peter Horton

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Date: Sat Jun 20 2020 17:56:14 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: People's Budget LA

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Hi Councilman Paul Koretz,

My name is Alison Hamant and I am a current UCLA student and therefore a constituent of Paul Koretz's district. I support the People's Budget LA and believe strongly that the LAPD should be defunded or at least the LAPD budget needs to be drastically reduced. The People's Budget LA would increase funding to multiple important social services in Los Angeles and improve the lives of thousands of residents. Recent police brutality against Black Americans, both nationwide and in Los Angeles, has demonstrated that police departments are not built to protect and serve all Americans. It is not enough to bring more training into the police department. The LAPD needs to be defunded and I urge you to support the people, your constituents, and the People's Budget LA.

Thank you,  
Alison Hamant  
UCLA c/o 2022

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Subject: Re: People's Budget LA

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just a reminder that I am responding to all of these- and if you get one that looks like you alone were sent it, send it to me anyway and I'll respond. thanks

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Thanks, Debbie!

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:01:04 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and I am proud to be a part of Los Angeles' vibrant and diverse community. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Council member Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. *The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs such as housing, clean air and water, pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. *Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

*As someone who has the privilege of not being discriminated against based on the color of my skin, I urge you to consider the repercussions that your decisions have on your constituents who are not so fortunate. Use your privilege and the power you vested in you by the people to serve the people. If you fail to represent your constituents in this instrumental time, we will find someone who will fight for our interests in the next election for city council.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Sage Thomason

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Subject: People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Dorina Arellano

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Subject: People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student. I am very disappointed in your recent vote, and demand that you listen to your community. LA deserves better and your constituents deserve better. Black Lives Matter, even when you're worried about your political career.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Lia Cohen

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Date: Tue Jun 30 2020 20:33:19 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: People's budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a business owner and tenant in 90024.

I support the constituents who [came to protest at your home](#) on Saturday 6/27, and I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Hundreds of your constituents signed our petition to support the People's Budget LA and a multi-billion dollar cut from LAPD's budget, and **it is time for you to listen to us.**

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you support the People's Budget LA and the [motion](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department.

- *You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, district 5 has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions in our district — that LA must not use its money to fund LAPD.

- *Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent, persistent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Erik Goodman

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Subject: People's budget now district 5

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I work in District 5. I am an alumni of UCLA and current staff member.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

As a student at UCLA, it blew my mind how security and policing at athletic and entertainment events were prioritized over resources students actually WANT and NEED. Please know that by increasing the police budget in district 5 you are also setting a dangerous and unnecessary precedent for the university. If you support the people's budget, however, you are showing that you support the needs and wants of students and district 5 civilians alike — mental healthcare, education resources, transit. Funding towards systems of care, not oppression.

Thank you,

Ally Adams  
UCLA staff member

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 13:57:55 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: People's Budget Now

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a lifelong Angeleno and a Double Bruin, now a law student. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. A vote against this budget would drastically diminish my faith that you actually represent the best interests of your constituents.

I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. This should be a no-brainer.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Gabriella Kamran

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Date: Fri Jun 26 2020 17:17:40 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: People's Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

Hi, Thank you for taking the time to read this. I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a student at USC.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Optional: The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Luke Csordas

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Hello,

I'm reaching out to show support for the People's Budget plan, including the goal of defunding and abolishing the LAPD.

Yeah, I see that some of you are now getting on board in some minor ways. But it's not enough: you ALL need to commit to the *abolition of the LAPD* and the *democratization of its funding*. Garcetti has shown he can't be trusted to write the damn budget, and y'all on City Council have shown you're too malicious/negligent/incompetent to check his homework.

Get with the program.

- James

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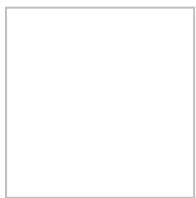
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**Special Notice:**

Our office is continuing to operate at a normal staffing level, however, due to the Mayor's Directive on coronavirus (COVID-19), our offices are closed to the public at this time. As part of our efforts to mitigate the spread of this virus please call or email our office instead. Additionally, we are in the process of switching all meetings to either web or telephone conferences. Thank you for your understanding.

Nuestra oficina seguirá operando normalmente, pero, por la directiva de el Alcalde Eric Garcetti sobre el caso de Coronavirus (COVID-19), nuestras oficinas estarán cerradas para el público sobre las próximas semanas. Para prevenir el riesgo de contraer el virus y hacer todo lo posible en dar la información más reciente sobre lo que la Ciudad de Los Ángeles y el Distrito 15 están haciendo para combatir esta pandemia, por favor de llamar a nuestra oficina o mandarnos un correo electrónico. En nuestro esfuerzo de prevención, solamente tendremos juntas por teléfono o videoconferencia. Muchas gracias por su colaboración y paciencia!

Immediate life-threatening police, fire or medical emergency: 9-1-1

Police non-emergency: 877-ASK-LAPD (275-5273)

Abandoned Vehicles: 1-800-ABANDON (222-6366)

Sanitation (missed trash pick-up, broken container): 800-773-2489

Traffic control (broken traffic signal): (818) 374-4823

Dept. of Water & Power: 800-342-5397

To request outreach services for people experiencing homelessness LA HOP

Other City issues: 3-1-1

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Subject: People's Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and live in Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I hope you take the time to read the emails urging you to rethink your stance, instead of giving an automatic response with a weak justification about your views on the issue of police funding. Your constituents are demanding that you listen to us (very people you work for and whose taxes pay your salary). We are demanding that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

The LAPD does not need 50% of the city budget. We need to invest the vast majority of funds into communities, which would work to address the social ills and inequality that lead to crime in the first place, rather than simply reacting to it with the current method of policing. Funneling billions of dollars into the police budget for more ineffective training, expensive body cams that cops will coincidentally turn off to hide their brutality, and all other means of reform will never achieve anything. Police reform has been tried year after year and yet they continue to murder without consequences. Reform is evidently not the answer. Defunding is.

I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. The LAPD is not trained, nor equipped to deal with people in mental distress, domestic disputes, or other crises along these lines. Cops who show up with pointed guns and lack of effective de-escalation techniques have nothing to offer in these events and cause unnecessary fear and chaos. 1 in 3 people killed by the police have a severe mental illness, so when will we do something about this disturbing statistic.

The People's Budget was created from the input from thousands of Angelenos. It will speak volumes about your individual character and priorities as a council member if you choose to ignore the requests of more than 25,000 constituents in order to please the cops who contributed to your campaign. Your stance will tell us who you truly belong to: the people of the city or the police union.

Thank you for your time,

**Haley Chun** ;)

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I was truly saddened to hear that you voted against decreasing the LAPD budget.

I am emailing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Resources need to be distributed to programs/professionals who will make communities safer by responding to crisis situations with expertise and not with force. The LAPD has systematically murdered Angelenos for years with no accountability. Reforms do not work. Put money into communities. We need care not more cops.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Caroline**

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 08:38:03 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a 4th year UCLA student, over the past four years I've found a home in Westwood and have been heavily involved in student government at UCLA. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. There have been countless videos and personal anecdotes over the past few weeks and even YEARS of police brutality towards Black people, people of color, and students of color. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Although I am a white student, the presence of police has never made me feel safer at school regardless of setting. I take frequent walks late at night and my community is what makes me feel safe—not any police officer whether that be UCPD or LAPD. Furthermore, the heightened presence of LAPD and the National Guard in Westwood in early June made me fearful to even shop for groceries and I can't even begin to imagine how my Black peers felt. Truly this is unacceptable.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Jackie Lacey, our District Attorney has failed to hold LAPD accountable in any way so now the impetus falls on you to represent us and our demands.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Jacob Panaro**

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD who have reacted to peaceful protests with extreme violence and who consistently put down the Black community. For instance, LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television and Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Sydney Barnett

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Subject: People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student, and my zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Albert Luu

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Subject: People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and other L.A. City Staff,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I have recently graduated from UCLA with a degree in Biology and a focus in Society and Genetics. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

I have witnessed the police terrorize not just District 5, but L.A. county overall, and it is initially mandated by the incredibly overfunded budget set for them. Giving the LAPD this kind of power has inflicted such fear into Los Angeles residents, that it is mortifying. My roommate, a Black woman who was also a UCLA student, relies on working out to maintain her stress and anxiety levels. Due to COVID-19, UCLA closed all of its gyms which resulted in the only places to exercise are your own residence and outside.

Exercising in an LA apartment is near impossible, as square footage continues to get smaller and rent prices continue to skyrocket. Because this is not an option for most LA residents, the only other option is to exercise outside. When this option was presented to my roommate, she began to cry. The reasons why she would go to the gym was because she knew how the justice system can fail when a Black person goes outside. The only way she felt safe enough to go outside to work out was if I, a white woman, came with her. If that does not demonstrate the fear LAPD has inflicted into its Black residents, then I don't know what will. Setting a budget that endorses this kind of legal torture is what fuels the police to commit these types of crimes, and even war crimes when it comes to peaceful protesting. The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs such as housing, childcare, healthy food, and clean air and water. This money can also go towards pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety that has the ability to protect its citizens instead of terrorize them. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities - the most at risk of police brutality and murder - to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like my roommate and I, and in turn justifying the unlawful killings of minority groups.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time.

Regards

Valerie Stewart B.S.

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Subject: People's Budget

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To Councilmember Koretz, and whoever else this may concern, My name is Ari, and I am a resident of District 5. Your actions both in favor of the LAPD's 54% budget funding and blind support of their actions despite rampant racial profiling and lethal force are nothing less than despicable. Your equating of magnitudes of violence in George Floyd's murder to the looting that ensued after is taking a repugnant page out of Police Chief Moore's playbook, and we all see it. I among many others demand you adopt the people's budget along with council motion 20-0769, and I personally believe you should resign. If you truly wanted to serve Los Angeles, you'd quit and let someone more qualified and less privileged take over. Our voices will not be silenced! And in the spirit of the public comment you fully deserved last week but I didn't get a chance to speak in: I yield my time, and fuck you Councilmember Koretz. Sincerely, Ari

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 16:43:41 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: People's Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I grew up and have lived in Encino for most of my life. My zip code is 91316

I demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

For example, one community issue that weighs heavily on my mind is homelessness. Living here all my life I see that homelessness has become rampant in our community; rather than ineffectively funnel money into policing we should increase funding to homelessness programs, such as food stability, housing stability, and mental health resources.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Isabell Villasana

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 15:48:09 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: PEOPLE'S BUDGET

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. **I am a neuroscience major at UCLA living in westwood.** My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Best,  
Alejandro

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 18:05:13 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Peoples Budge LA

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Dear City Council Men and Women,

I'm emailing to express my support for the people's budget LA. We need to decrease the LAPD budget, and increase the budget for our public school education systems and trained, UNARMED, response units to handle most situations. Please listen to your people, they're hurting and the well-being of the LAPD does not take precedence over the people the LAPD are meant to protect.

Best,

Julian Tayarah

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 17:56:49 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Peoples Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student. My zip code is 90094.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Thank you for your time,

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Date: Wed Jun 10 2020 17:27:16 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Please adopt The People's Budget!

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To Paul Koretz

From what I understand, 54% of the unrestricted General Fund is currently allocated to LAPD. I think the people of this city would be better off with a budget that invests in the people's needs and wellbeing. The police have not been making our communities safer for all. In fact, for many, they are a huge threat. What we do need are services that help and strengthen our communities. Recently, Garcetti and City Council have unveiled proposals to cut \$150 million from the LAPD - but this would still leave over half of the budget for policing. We want a change. We don't want the priority to be on policing.

I believe "The People's Budget" is the best choice to reflect what all residents of Los Angeles truly need. More low-income housing and more services for our massive homeless community; mental health services; rent; more and fair funding for public schools and investments directly benefiting Black communities.

Please consider this letter in your next policy meeting.

Thank you.

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Date: Thu Jun 11 2020 16:09:20 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: Please adopt The People's Budget!

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Thank you, Ms. Jay, for your important email. The Councilmember appreciates that you took the time to reach out, and he will take your thoughts into consideration as he goes through this budget process.

Debbie

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:58:48 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Please Defund the LAPD, Support People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My name is Catherine Nguyen and I am an undergraduate student at UCLA. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

In this time of pandemic where there have been great compromises to educational and public health programs, it shocks me to learn that the LAPD is given vastly higher funding than the aforementioned services which directly benefit the people and contribute to quality of life. This may sound personal but it does not make sense to me to have my tax dollars go to the LAPD, whose services I won't use for the majority of my life. Especially given from protest footage that some LAPD officers are indifferent to police brutality, I do not feel like I can trust an organization who is supposed to provide ultimate protection. So what is the point of funding it so much? Literally there is none.

The proposed People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

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Thank you for your time,

**Catherine Nguyen**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 13:02:27 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Please listen to our cries for help

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Tanner and I've lived in Westwood for the past six years in District 5. I'm a UCLA graduate who decided to stay locally (90025!) and is active in local and national politics.

This email is a plea for you to support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-21 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. It is unacceptable to spend 50% of LA's unrestricted revenues for LAPD. I strongly urge you to search your heart and reinvest this bloated budget into the community. Please.

I also ask that you support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I have learned the history of policing in its goal to oppress and marginalize those who cannot always fight back. The Stonewall uprising of the 1960s was a direct fight against police who harassed, attacked and silenced the queer community. This system is deeply personal, and the negative effects of increased policing on Black communities is abhorrent.

I believe the People's Budget LA is the right move because the city should prioritize universal needs like housing, childcare and clean air over the police department. You need to engage with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL of us. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

The recent violence against citizens exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and the department must be reevaluated. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Tanner Walters

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Date: Tue Jul 07 2020 10:58:04 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Please Pledge To No Longer Accept Funds From the LAPPL

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Dear Councilman Koretz & Staff,

It has become public knowledge that the Los Angeles Police Protection League's PAC has financially invested in the campaigns of several LA city council people, including your own. As a constituent, I worry that the meddling of the police union's power in my local government is the very root of the corrupt power of the LAPD and its staff's immunity from the consequences of its murderous, violent, racist actions against the Black & Latino members of our community. And furthermore, I worry it is impeding YOUR judgement and preventing you from considering adopting The People's Budget LA, which would divest funds from the LAPD and reallocate them into alternative community protection programs.

It has also come to my attention that the very leader of the LAPPL, Jamie McBride, has shot and murdered 6 people whom he was sworn to "protect and serve". He has also made statements that in all his 30 years in police force "he has never seen racism" in the force. For someone educated and aware of the history of the police force, this is simply impossible to believe. Additionally, his own daughter, Toni McBride, who currently serves in the LAPD, murdered a Latino man who had seconds earlier been in a major traffic collision and was mentally/physically unwell. She has not been held accountable or penalized for this.

I'm asking you, Paul Koretz, to take a pledge to no longer accept financial backing whatsoever from the LAPPL. WE WILL NO LONGER ALLOW THE LAPPL TO IMPACT OUR LOCAL LOS ANGELES GOVERNMENT. Unlike the current cowardice local council officials, Nithya Raman, a new candidate up for city council election in November, has taken this pledge herself. I wish I could vote for her, but I don't live in her district. I'm stuck with you, an out of touch leader who isn't listening to his constituents, who will probably have his assistant answer this very email. Please follow suit, or we will continue to protest you, until you do so. And then we will vote you out. Do the right thing before it's too late.

Sincerely,

Margo Dorfman

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Date: Tue Jul 07 2020 16:44:54 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: Please Pledge To No Longer Accept Funds From the LAPPL

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removing the constituent. shall we respond, and if so, who will take the lead on this one? she clearly doesn't want to hear from me again!

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I say, no reason to respond.

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 13:08:02 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Please stand up for us

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To the team of Paul Koretz: As a constituent of councilman Koretz and eight-year resident of Pico-Robertson, I am writing to ask you to please stand up to the councilman and protest his actions internally. Mr. Koretz' opposition to LAPD budget cuts is not only a slap in the face to his many constituents who have been tirelessly calling to defund the police; it is an endorsement of white supremacist violence. If the councilman will not listen to us, perhaps he will listen to you. Black lives matter.

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 21:30:55 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Please Support People's Budget LA and Wesson's motion 20-0769

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I live in Pico Robertson in your district, District 5. I am a new constituent and I moved to Pico Robertson at the end of last year to be part of a new neighborhood that would improve my quality of life. I have lived in Los Angeles for 5 years and I work at USC. My zip code is 90035.

I am sending you this email to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. Only 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The reason why I support the People's Budget LA is that it gives 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the LAPD. As we all saw throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Laura

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 16:33:26 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Please support the People's Budget Proposal

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Dear Council Member Kortez,

I recently returned to LA and am trying to be more attuned with my city's governance and policies. In recent months, I've become even more aware of how much of my work is deeply reliant on the support of city and statewide funding due to COVID-19. I work with health departments, coalitions, and hospitals to gain an understanding of the needs of communities and implement strategic plans. Our latest findings indicate community outreach and preventative measures lead to a healthier community.

As a young person looking back at my education and having grown up thanks to LAUSD, one of my greatest wishes was to have learned how to be a whole person. I've had to do a lot of research and personal experience outside of LA to gain perspective of my community. Finding support to learn what's right from wrong, how the world works, and figure out who I am, was a long process and I'm still learning. I don't want others to feel that they have to leave LA in order to learn this. There must be a better way.

I've returned to the place that I call home. I want to take everything that I've learned and give back to my community. However, I know the world doesn't operate off of passion and goodwill. It needs funding. Funding to keep programs alive.

Yes, police need funding too. I empathize with them because my great-grandfather was a police officer for LAPD. However, there must be a way to support both the police force and city programs equally.

Please say yes to the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget. Please support Council Member Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert emergency calls away from police and towards an unarmed, trained crisis response.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Alison

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 18:07:31 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Please support the People's Budget!!!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I work at a large film studio and live in Palms right off National. My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

**The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.**

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Pauline Schreibmaier

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Date: Fri Jun 19 2020 13:17:26 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Please Support the People's Budget!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Arden Dressner Levy. I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student worker, a Westwood tenant, and a member of Westwood's Jewish community. My zip code is 90094.

As your constituent, I was incredibly disappointed and hurt when you voted against the inquiry into a \$150 million cut from LAPD's budget. Your constituents need you to prioritize housing, childcare, healthy food, affordable public transit and pandemic recovery over the police department.

**Just over a week ago, I was peacefully protesting when I was physically hurt by a police officer. All I was doing was standing with a sign. It was a clear abuse of power and violation of my First Amendment rights.**

When my friend reported sexual assault to the cops, she was held for hours, harrassed and inappropriately interrogated, until she agreed to drop the case. These cops do not protect us. Our stories are not unique.

**While our bruises will heal, it hurts my heart even more to see you support that violence with your votes.**

I am writing to demand that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. I also ask that you support Councilmember Wesson's motion to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed crisis response teams.

You need to engage directly with communities in your district to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

**I urge you to support the People's Budget LA and Councilmember Wesson's motion. Your constituents will support you in taking this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.**

Thank you for your time,  
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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 11:44:55 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Please Tell Paul to Defund The Police -- YOUR OFFICE is upholding white supremacy

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Dear staffmembers of Councilmember Koretz,

I'm writing this email because I actually believe that the people who work for Mr. Koretz may have different (better) values than he does. I imagine many of you genuinely support the movement being led by Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles to defund the police and adopt a [People's Budget for LA](#). I would be extremely surprised if the entire office is happy with Paul's recent statements and actions demonizing protestors and blocking the calls to cut funds to LAPD.

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. You actually can play a really crucial role right now. Dissent among Paul's own people would be a game-changer in the current moment. Please talk to your co-workers who you think are sympathetic to what BLM is doing right now -- I'm sure you have a sense of who that may be. (Probably not the old white people, no offense.) If you speak up, the movement will have your back. Talk to each other. Write a statement or a petition. Publish it. You are uniquely positioned to make a huge difference.

Simply put: [Paul Koretz is upholding white supremacy](#). BLM-LA is trying to get this city to dismantle racist institutions, and Koretz is doing all he can to keep us in the past. History will not judge him kindly.

I hope you will act.

Jacob Woocher  
Resident of Council District 5

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:35:38 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Protest Your Boss, Push to Defund LAPD

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Hello,

My name is Carter Moon and I'm resident of Los Angeles. I am writing to urge you to use your influence in Councilmember Koretz's office to push for the defunding of LAPD. We have clearly seen the brutality that our police department is willing to unleash on us as citizens over the past couple of weeks, the time is now to cut their bloated, unnecessary budget in favor of services around the city to deal with our varying interlocking crises. This is a time for leadership and courage, I urge each of you to use your power and influence to transform this city into a more livable and just place for all Angelenos.

Thank you,  
Carter Moon

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Date: Tue Jun 30 2020 17:16:03 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Public Comment Since You Want to Shut Us Out in Meeting.

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My name is Steven Chun. I am a resident of District 5, so I'm speaking to all of you, but especially the lovely Paul Koretz on Item 48 and General Public Comment.

Defund the Police. \*\*AND.\*\* REIMAGINE PUBLIC SAFETY. I know you guys like to conveniently leave out that second part. As your constituent and a taxpayer that pays your bills, I demand that you make bigger cuts to the LAPD Gang Budget as proposed in the People's Budget LA. Your measly \$150M cut, which you backtracked to \$133M, is breadcrumbs and is a pathetic and insulting waste of our time. Supporting Item 48, the police reform motion by Wesson and Harris-Dawson is the BARE MINIMUM you can do. I would not even be so generous as to call it the first step in the right direction, it is actually the first \*glance\* in the right direction that you have resisted for far too long. Don't fool yourself into thinking that we'll leave you alone after you give us some nice words and a common-sense motion that should have been passed YEARS ago. You don't get a pat on the back for doing something that requires so little courage and imagination.

People's City Council and BLM LA have surveyed tens of thousands of your constituents and laid out this data for you, quite literally doing your work for you and showing very clearly what the people want. IT'S. NOT. HARD. Put your money where your mouth is (this requires first taking the LAPD boot out of your mouth) and make a meaningful Investment into the community and alternatives to police because this is what we as a community are demanding. As you guys seem to have forgotten, it is your **\*duty\*** as public servants to follow the demands of your Constituents. I don't care about your personal views on LAPD. I don't care how much money the LAPPL pays you. I don't care how "nice" and "non-racist" your uncle in the LAPD is. Your job is to represent the demands of your CONSTITUENTS NOT your own personal agenda. Rest assured, we'll be here reminding you until it finally gets into your money-hungry, immoral skulls.

NO MORE LIP SERVICE. DO YOUR JOB. I YIELD MY TIME FUCK ALL OF YOU SPINELESS COWARDS

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 20:17:32 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Questions and Concerns about the City Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Liz Levine, your constituent and a resident of Palms (90034). I am certain that your inbox is currently flooded with calls for you to support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams and I join in that plea. I have seen your office's canned response to these emails that you "wonder whether making arbitrary cuts to the LAPD's budget is the right place to begin that process" and I am asking for more.

What makes you believe that anyone is proposing "arbitrary cuts" to the budget? If anything, they are making these calls based on decades of quantitative and qualitative data about the inefficacy (and outright harm) of so much of the city's resources being allocated solely to the LAPD. This issue has been studied ad nauseum; reports have been published and further studies have been funded. All the while, black and brown folks are still being murdered in the streets, in their own houses, in front of their families.

We have seen in the last month that there is massive public support and now political precedent for taking broad based action in dismantling an unjust and ineffective criminal justice system. These are not the pipe dreams of a fringe constituency; this is the will of the people and all attention is now on our elected public officials to make the courageous and necessary pledge to defunding the police. One way or another, your legacy will be painted by either your support for or your opposition to the 21st Century civil rights movement.

I urge you to consider this not as a radical fantasy but as the long-overdue and, frankly, sensible action needed to redress the immense harm that our society has inflicted upon its most marginalized people. This change will happen with or without you, but I do hope that you will consider all that you and your beloved district have to gain from aligning yourself with this movement towards progress.

Thank you for your time,

Liz Levine

Palms resident, 90034

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 16:32:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Re: People's Budget

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Hi Debbie,

His current point of view of this current situation is incredibly underwhelming. Additionally, the link you attached for further explanation of his viewpoint included no additional insight into this seriously disappointing view point. If he's going to tout this opinion as credible, it would be great if he had an actual platform / plan to back it up.

The LAPD has demonstrated their incompetence repeatedly. Angelenos demand real, actual change. The idea that reforming a system that has been so criminal and so broken for so many years is out of touch with the reality the Angelenos (particularly those of black, brown, and poor communities) are currently experiencing. Today the LAPD spoke of reforms at their meeting today, and yesterday the City Councilmembers listened to Chief Michel Moore speak. One of those reforms they spoke about today included 40 hours of education on how to handle mental health crises, which make up a staggering amount of 911 calls. 40 hours is a work week. It's insulting to assume that a police officer who has 40 hours of training is more equipped to handle a mental health crisis than a social worker or a psychiatrist who has years of studying. Additionally they specifically referenced a use of deadly force, in which a police officer murdered a person with Autism; as an example of necessary reforms. What they don't mention is that the cop in their "example" was off duty and fired 10 rounds on Kenneth French at a Costco. When his parents tried to intervene to let the cop know their son was disabled, they were severely wounded by Officer Sanchez's shooting spree. This case was used as an example on their call of why they need reforms and mental health classes. Do you realize how convoluted that sounds? Firing 10 rounds on a disabled man WHILE YOU'RE OFF DUTY at Costco is called murder. How do you reform murder? Why is their first instinct to kill? These are the questions that Koretz needs to seriously consider when he talks about his support of reforms over defunding.

Here's a couple links to articles on this case if you'd like to read further on how the LAPD handled this case:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/michaelbernick/2019/10/29/the-autism-city-the-shooting-at-costco/#540e3a9011f0>

<https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2020/06/10/police-commission-off-duty-officer-in-costco-shooting-acted-outside-lapd-policy/>

Michel Moore recommended the police officer be brought back to his desk immediately.

If you're going to consider reforms as an adequate solution, you are completely ignoring the fact that some of these officers first instincts are to kill, arrest, or harm people. This is a serious issue. You are also completely ignoring that there are potentially way more qualified people able to carry out the job they are reforming. Reimagining public safety is just that: Putting the right people in these situations so people don't end up in a body bag. Koretz needs to show up to these meetings with an open heart and mind, because we call see by this email that he's not doing that. Please start listening to Angelenos as they share these terrible stories.

We demand that Koretz be an advocate for the people, not the police.

Thanks for your time,  
Brett

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Best,  
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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:50:29 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Reallocation of Funds for Community Improvement

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and team,

I am an Angeleno, and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90069.

I ask that you show support for the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and make efforts to revise the current budget accordingly. **Do it slowly if you have to but commit to it entirely. Police officers should not have to bear the burden of playing so many roles.**

The vision is that 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. It is **reinvesting** the LAPD's budget into the community. I urge you to support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards **unarmed, trained crisis response teams**.

You are in the position to make immediate change for people who are living in fear simply because they are black. If the tables were turned, wouldn't you want someone fighting for your best interests?

I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

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Thank you for your time,  
Jessica Ma

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 07:52:24 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Redirect LAPD Funds to Essential Services

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I was born and raised in Westwood, part of District 5. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand that you support efforts to reduce the LAPD's enormous budget. We need to put that money into services that this community actually needs, not more and more cops. I also demand that you support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Growing up in Los Angeles, seeing the homelessness and the poverty that members of our community are facing, never once did I think that this city needs more resources going into the LAPD. The police cannot and will not solve the problems that our community is facing. We need more money going into housing, mental health care, clean air and water protections, and other essential services.

The world is watching LA. You have a chance to be part of a massive wave of change. Listen to your constituents. Please do the right thing.

Thank you,  
Haleh Kanani

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Date: Mon Jun 29 2020 10:08:29 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: Reform is not enough

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Dear Councilman Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. **I am writing to demand you consider the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.**

One of your staffers sent me your comments in response to a previous email I sent to you. You have missed the point of what many Angelenos, including myself, are calling on you to do.

**Reform is not enough! We already know that more bodycams and more training is not sufficient to stop police brutality.** We need a real transformation in the way the city of Los Angeles allocates its resources.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. **I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.**

Over the past month, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed.

This is unacceptable, and LAPD must be defunded. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA.

Thank you for your time.

Levon Haroutunian

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 09:44:59 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Reforms Do Not Stop Killer Cops DEFUND LAPD

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Stef Hirsch, resident of CD5, ZIP 90025.

I am writing in support of Harris-Dawson measures to reimagine community safety and **reassign nonviolent service calls to trained professionals and experts and away from armed police** and you should also embrace and adopt the Peoples' Budget. It was nice of you to meet so early this morning because the members of this body clearly think it is such an urgent issue despite not coalescing this Ad Hoc Police Reform Committee *anytime before in the last 14 months*. I want to applaud the chair for their comments about "meeting the moment" but I do not understand the air of levity in I heard in the room this morning given that people continue to die and be killed by these officers of the law. My heart broke when I saw the first [photos of Andres Guardado](#) because that was the face of a child despite his 18 years on earth before LASD took away his life. **We mourn the more than 600 of names lost who have become (and are so much more than) hashtags that have not received justice and been ignored by this body up until this moment.**

I'm curious what imaginary world this council lives in? Because 1000s Angelenos are pouring into *our streets* defying authoritarian curfew during a global pandemic in Defense of Black Lives. Meanwhile protestors were subject to unwarranted force, illegal mass arrests, all incidents captured by witnesses and shared publicly. But instead of doing what is *necessary and right* motions are circulated in council like the one yesterday to "honor" the dead with a lightshow at city hall in this purely performative and self congratulatory manner. **The reform proposals (banning choke holds, increasing body cameras) are of the same nature and do not answer the demands of the people.** Can you really not hear us; we need you to Defund the Police. Or do you simply refuse to?

Mr. Koretz is especially guilty of this gross and shallow performance of allyship. He demonstrated this with his recent vote to oppose redirecting mere millions out of the billions of dollars the Mayor had allocated to LAPD. In a recent twitter post you said "**the voice of the people had been heard**" and you bragged about putting forward a strong motion condemning the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis Police Department. You described the officers who stood by while Derek Chauvin crushed the life out of a man in broad daylight unflinchingly and called for charges to be brought against them for that "worst kind of complicity". But you have the audacity to balk at these righteous calls to "defund" these racist and historically violent police institution and in your newsletter you applaud the LAPD's alleged commitment to being "[at the forefront of adopting measures \[for transparency\]](#)". I have called and written before to ask you the question Melina Abdulla asked of this body "Whose Are You" but it is obvious to whom Mr. Koretz belongs to.

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In Solidarity,  
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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 17:10:32 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Regarding the People's Budget

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Hi all, but specifically Mr. Paul Koretz,

My name is MaryKate Meath, and I'm a resident of your district in the Palms neighborhood in Los Angeles, zip code 90034. In fact, I've lived in your district almost the entire time I've lived in Los Angeles, and I love district 5 immensely. That being said, we can do better.

Mr. Koretz, you must support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. There are so many better uses for that money, and I think you know that. 50% of the revenue is going to the LAPD, when in reality -- think of what that money could do for our city? Our district? Our schools? Palms Middle School is right around the corner from me; I want to see that school and community thriving just as much as any private school in Los Angeles is given the opportunity to. I continuously donate my time to our community, and I want to feel that my time is being met with work from our elected officials. If it's not, make no mistake; we will vote you out.

Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert emergency calls away from the police and towards crisis response teams is also important. It's a fantastic motion, and I expect you to support it. You know that district 5 is very lucky; we have plenty of affluent people living in our neighborhoods, supporting our businesses, going to our schools. But we also have people who need help. I myself have been in situations in which I felt unsafe on our streets, but did not call the police for fear that it would make the situation even MORE unsafe. I do not trust our LA cops. If we don't trust the people we're supposed to call to protect us, then what job are they even doing? By allowing this to persist, you are failing your constituents.

The support for the People's Budget in our city is clear. Now, it's up to you to put action behind your collective constituents voices. Please support the People's Budget LA. Think not only of how many lives it could save, but how many lives it could change--by providing schools with more resources, homes to those without them, and mental health help to people who so desperately need it.

Thank you for your time,

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 21:31:11 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Reinvest in Our communities - CarenotCops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and resident in the apartments in the Westwood area. My zip code is 90024 in the district.

I am writing to ask you to support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. An insanely large amount of the budget is going to the LAPD, when our education services and health services are what our community benefits on and depends on. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I ask that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Police brutality and misconduct is evident within the community, as with the unlawful killing of Andres Guardado and the militarization of Westwood that threatened the safety of numbers of UCLA students and our LA community just weeks ago.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 13:50:03 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Request to divest from LAPD and invest in the community

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. **I am a UCLA employee and I currently reside in Palms.** My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

I love my city and my neighborhood. I want more investment in the community and less in the police.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Sumita Mitra**

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Subject: Reshaping Police / Article

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Pretty interesting article about the drive behind calls to "defund"/reshape policing:

<https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2020/06/03/457251670/how-much-do-we-need-the-police>

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Sign up for the CD 5 Newsletter for updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19).

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:36:50 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Stand against Paul Koretz

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Dear Staffers,

My name is Samantha Spaccasi and I am a resident of Los Angeles. I want to write to express my disappointment, dismay, and absolute outrage in the Councilmember's vote against the proposed LAPD cuts.

Throughout this entire process, Koretz has shown disdain for the People's Budget Coalition, led by Black Lives Matter LA. His vote clearly shows that he is serving the interests of the LAPPL, LAPD, and his white constituents (the same folks who increased the segregation of schools on the Westside in the 70s through their anti-bussing initiatives). Angelenos have shown overwhelming support for the People's Budget and to defund the LAPD for over a month. What is he doing on this council if he refuses to even listen to the interests of the people he serves?

Through his vote, he has shown to be an ally of white supremacy. Koretz has continued to cheer on the LAPD in their brutal show of force against peaceful protesters, saying that the looting of property was "no less troubling" than the "death of George Floyd." How he can value the property over the life of an innocent man, and lives of innocent Angelenos, shows he has no business serving the people of this city.

I implore you, staffers, to stand up against this corrupt individual. Support BLM LA, the People's Budget Coalition, and take a stand against white supremacy. History will not look kindly upon Paul Koretz, who has proven time and again he has more interest in upholding white supremacy than using his position to create a more just and equitable Los Angeles.

Please do the right thing.

Samantha Spaccasi

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 17:26:57 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: SUPPORT A PEOPLE'S BUDGET [VIA WESTWOOD RESIDENT]

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5 and I am also grew up in District 8. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*Growing up in South Central LA, I saw how over policed my community was with no real change in our living conditions or access to resources. Moving to Westwood as I pursue a B.S. and medical career, I have seen exactly how resourceful your district is. There are groceries almost on every block. There are clinics and there are centers for youth and recreational activities. South Central does not have the same amount and has stark disparities compared to those in your district. People who live in District 8 have a statistical lower age of death. A zip code should not determine how long you live. Please stand in solidarity with offering the same type of resources your district has to other districts.*

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Evelyn Hinojosa

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Cc: paul.koretz@lacity.org  
Date: Tue Jun 30 2020 11:49:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support Motion 20-0769 & a Peoples Budget

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My name is Stephanie "Stef" Hirsch and I am emailing in **support of Wesson - Dawson motion 20-0769** on the City Council Agenda on 06/30/2020 - the day before Mayor Garcetti's deplorable budget for fiscal year 20-21 is go into effect tomorrow which would reward over half of the funds to police.

Want to express my **ongoing support for Black Lives Matter** and the demands they put forward and steps they expertly laid out for you in their presentation of a Peoples Budget which embodies the vision of our community. If this body continues to drag their feet know that the people will remember and when Election day comes (and every day up to and afterwards) we will flex our power to replace you. As a resident in CD5 I want to condemn in particular the opposition to Defunding the LAPD by my councilperson Mr. Koretz. To quote from his [May 31st Newsletter](#) to constituents;

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*"As last night came to an end, I was surrounded by the sounds of sirens, looting, and burning buildings around me. Sadly this should have been a day of peaceful protests of the devastating and senseless murder of George Floyd and all who suffer the inequities of abject murder and racism. The murder of an innocent man, and the issues surrounding his tragic death, have been lost in the destruction of our neighborhoods."*

This sentiment was emphasized by a [tweet of his a day before](#) which equated the destruction of property with the loss of life which he then described as a "tragic death" the very next day.

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*"I'm heartbroken over the senseless death of George Floyd. The violence & looting we saw last night was no less troubling." - @PaulKoretzCD5, May 30th 2020*

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After public backlash to this tone-deaf tweet he tried to walk back the comments citing the difficulty in expressing nuance on the social media platform. But was not refrained when he continued to build on his facetious contempt for protest. And demonstrated no nuance with his language in the same May newsletter. He continues to lament the damage to property in the area that both my Grandparents lived and Mother was raised;

*"I toured the Beverly Fairfax district, which is my neighborhood. I found vandalism and destruction all along Third St., Beverly Blvd. and Fairfax Ave. Particularly disheartening was the vandalism to the Fairfax Jewish community. Fairfax is the center of the oldest active Jewish neighborhood in Los Angeles. Synagogues and Jewish institutions and Jewish-owned businesses were graffitied."*

I want the Councilmember to know that, as a 3rd generation Angelino and member of Bend The Arc Jewish Action, I and others in our community stand unequivocally with Black Lives Matter LA and support the calls to #DefundThePolice. I am disgusted at the trivializing of the experience of *"all who suffer the inequities of abject murder and racism"* by comparing the centuries long destruction and violence and looting of Black communities and bodies to misdemeanor vandalism. Walls can be repainted. Property can be replaced. **But the lives lost to a racist and violent policing institution cannot.**

I hope the councilperson will reverse his previous stances and join us and members of his community under the banner #Jews4BlackLives and the countless protestors who are standing up at this historic moment to Defend Black Lives. **Will Mr.Koretz support the motion and move towards reconciliation for the devastation that is Racism by working with Black Lives Matter LA and commit to defunding the bloated budget rewards to the LAPD?**

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In Solidarity,

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:58:14 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: SUPPORT Motion 20-0769

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am involved in UCLA work and am a tenant of District 5. My zip code is 90094.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Emma Buerklin

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 15:49:33 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a student at UCLA, and my zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Ashley Phuong

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 07:30:10 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support People's Budget LA

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Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Maya Richardson. I live in District 5 and my zip code is 90024. As a UCLA student, tenant in Westwood, and member of UCLA's Students for Community Outreach, Promotion, and Education, I am appalled with the amount of funding currently being given to the LAPD.

As a member of your district, I demand that you support the **People's Budget LA** for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. We should not be allocating 50% of LA's unrestricted revenues to the LAPD. That number should be more like 5% - the rest of the funds should be reinvested into the community. I demand that you also support **Councilmember Wesson's motion 0-0769** which would contribute to the health and safety of the community by diverting certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The City of LA should be prioritizing universal needs, pandemic recovery, reimagined public safety over a police department that is ill-regulated, abusive, and racist. **You have the duty and obligation to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities - the most at risk of murder and abuse by police - to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos.** By voting to uphold a ridiculous amount of funding to the LAPD budget, you are failing your constituents.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The people of LA have been protesting to make their voices heard. The police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. **I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.**

Thank you for your time,

Maya Richardson

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 16:45:40 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support People's Budget LA.

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a current law student at UCLA School of Law. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand that you **support the People's Budget LA** for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. **To do otherwise would be an egregious and shameful display of our community's priorities.** We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear - through both physical and digital actions - that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

We are at a critical juncture in our city's history - this is your chance to be on the right side of it.  
Do not waste this opportunity.

Thank you for your time,  
Sean Anderson

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:43:26 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a Master of Public Policy graduate student at UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs and a member of our UAW Local 2865. My zip code is 90064.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

As a student at UCLA Luskin, I previously interacted with Councilmember Koretz's office on the UCLA Luskin White Paper program. I understood then that your office respects research from UCLA's faculty and students and encourages community collaboration. But I have not seen that respect and collaboration in Councilmember Koretz's outspoken opposition to the People's Budget LA.

LAPD's recent use of Jackie Robinson Stadium to stage their officers and detain peaceful protesters was a traumatizing experience not just for the protestors present but also for the greater UCLA community, especially our Black Bruins. As an instructor for undergraduate freshmen students, it has been impossible to ensure their safety on and off campus because of violent and racist policing.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

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**Isabelle Liu**  
UCLA Luskin Master of Public Policy Candidate  
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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:45:42 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support People's Budget LA now!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a recent UCLA graduate, and my zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. **5%** of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, **not 50%**. We need to begin reinvesting LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Council-member Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards **unarmed, trained crisis response teams**.

The People's Budget LA proposes to give only **5.7%** to the police, because the city should prioritize **universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department**. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Bhavya Malladi

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Date: Thu Jun 25 2020 17:14:54 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and a law student at UCLA School of Law in Westwood. I am writing to demand that you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Madhavi

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:37:33 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: SUPPORT PEOPLE'S LA BUDGET

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. **I am a UCLA student and student worker as well.** My zip code is 90094.

I am [calling/writing] to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Beeta Ahmadi.**

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:14:06 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support Peoples Budget for LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA medical student and my zip code is 90066.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*As a medical professional, the current police budget has and will continue to negatively impact our community members health. The budget for the LAPD MUST be redistributed to services that improve community well being.*

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Kaylin Gonzalez**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 18:05:09 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: SUPPORT PEOPLES BUDGET LA PROTECT ANGELENOS

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and staffers,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a third year student of UCLA living in Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. As representatives and leaders your responsibility lies in protecting and prioritizing universal needs such as housing, healthcare, healthy food, enforcing rights to free speech, clean air and water, and pandemic recovery (which not only includes testing sites and sanitary supplies but also emphasis on distribution of aid to marginalized communities like homeless individuals. They need your help by providing them with areas of sanitization and shelter and food, not sweeping them aside). Your efforts to fight COVID-19 is futile and irresponsible and honestly half-assed if you don't think you need to help or pay attention to these communities. You have the responsibility to engage with the people you are meant to represent which means engaging DIRECTLY with Black and Indigenous communities, speaking to them, actively listening to them, heeding their concerns and demands. And not for an act or facade of heroism but out of genuine care and respect. If the idea of engaging with these communities and peoples make you uncomfortable or that your job ends after the conversation then I suggest that you reevaluate yourself as not only a councilmember but an individual.

I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. This is crucial. The LAPD are not trained in the very least for deescalation of any kind they only exacerbate the violence if not instigate it. The LA community has suffered greatly in recent times with deadly violence exerted on them by the LAPD for exercising their First Amendment rights and advocating for those suffering. This aggressive and abusive behavior and mindset doesn't stem from the negligence in the police department. The negligence in the system allows for this toxicity and disregard for morality fester in its officers but it stems from a place far deeper, the individuals themselves. Reform cannot change fixed behavior or one's moral code. Defund the police. Redirect resources to those who prioritize help over enforcing "order". Reimagine public safety.

Thank you for your time,  
Kat Sung

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 22:53:37 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support The People's Budget and Cut LAPD's Funding

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I live in the Pico-Robertson neighborhood and work with Ground Game LA/POWER LA. My zip code is 90035.

This last week was incredibly disappointing. Despite overwhelming public support for a more humane and balanced budget you are keeping your intransigent line against even exploring how we might rein in LAPD's \$3 billion annual budget.

In the past month I have seen LAPD officers attack Angelenos with batons, impact rounds, and chemical weapons just for exercising their 1st Amendment rights. I have treated teenagers and seniors for exposure to tear gas and pepper spray. I have seen LAPD beat a man walking with a cane because he couldn't comply with their orders fast enough.

In short: I have seen your decisions fund violence and cruelty on our streets. If you think being a step or two removed from these actions absolves you guilt you are sorely mistaken.

We know that LAPD officers draw outsized salaries and pensions while being the deadliest police force in the nation.

We know that your fellow Councilmembers have engaged in outright corruption while sitting on the dais with you, while you said nothing.

We know that you have the power to change things and choose not to.

You have a duty to protect your constituents, and you are failing.

The path forward is clear: support a People's Budget, cut LAPD's budget, investigate LAPD for their corruption, and divert resources to housing, education, and healthcare.

2022 isn't far off and we have long memories.

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Timothy Hayes  
Organizer  
Ground Game LA

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:35:08 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a 4th year UCLA student. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

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Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Emily Dieffenbach

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Subject: Support the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a resident, tenant, student, food service worker and registered voter in Los Angeles District 5. I attend UCLA and live in the Westwood neighborhood; my zip code is 90024.

As one of your constituents, I am calling on you to support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly in order to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I also call for your support of Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget was developed with the input of over 24,000 Angelenos who took the People's Budget survey to express how WE want OUR tax dollars spent. We want the city to prioritize universal needs, pandemic recovery and reimagined public safety over policing and incarceration. Police don't make us safe; things like access to housing, job growth, healthcare and transportation do. Your constituents and people across LA feel strongly about this - that's why the People's Budget has been trending on Twitter, and why your office and other public officials' offices have been receiving so many emails, phone calls and petitions. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Mikaela Garcia

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Dear Ms. Dyner Harris, Councilmember Koretz and staff,

Thank you for reading and considering my input on the city budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and for your prompt response that outlines Councilmember Koretz's point of view. I read the latest newsletter linked in your email, and I want to provide further input in response to some of the perspectives you express in it.

Councilmember Koretz, in this newsletter you commemorate the class of 2020. You rightfully recognize that more than any previous generation, students today experience and are acutely aware of systemic racial and class-based inequality, are extremely well-informed about the conditions of the world around them and bear the urgent responsibility of building a more just, sustainable world. I am one of today's generation of students; I graduated high school in 2018 and am now an undergraduate student at UCLA. Along with my peers, I work hard to educate myself about the world we live in and to expose the injustices in our society that are the symptoms and sustenance of the structures of white supremacy that our country and city were built on. A critical one of these injustices is policing.

Your newsletter acknowledges the injustice of policing by invoking police brutality, including the recent murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police. You then connect current police brutality to our country's history of racist institutions, including policing, mentioning the savage beating of Rodney King, Jim Crow laws that made anti-Black racism a legal requirement and the enslavement of hundreds of thousands of Black people in this country. The connection you make between past and present manifestations of the violence of anti-Black racism and white supremacy in the United States is the very reason why the police must be defunded. It was the police who beat Rodney King 28 years ago. It was the police who violently upheld and enforced Jim Crow laws in the 19th and 20th centuries. And it was the early police who formed slave patrols to ensure that enslaved Black people in the United States would be denied freedom and exploited violently for their entire lives by white settlers.

This is the history of the police, and this is why policing in the United States is an inherently racist institution. Slavery couldn't be reformed - it had to be abolished. Jim Crow laws couldn't be reformed - they had to be overturned. And policing can't be reformed - it must be defunded. Your language of police "reform" is dangerously close to the modern-day equivalent of suggesting revisions be added to Jim Crow laws, or changes be made to the practice of slavery, while perpetuating the existence of these racist and inhumane institutions. You yourself acknowledge that meaningful change must be based on "a genuine acknowledgement of historic and systemic inequities that require more than superficial reforms."

You refer to the police defunding recommended by the People's Budget LA as "making arbitrary cuts to LAPD's budget" and "chopping up the LAPD's budget without adequate analysis." In fact, the People's Budget is based on thorough analysis and is anything but arbitrary. The People's Budget was developed by a coalition of over 20 community organizations deeply in tune with the needs on the ground of the LA community and led by Black Lives Matter - LA. The budget was developed with the input of 24,426 LA residents across the city, and the People's Budget coalition has since engaged with tens of thousands more Angelenos in their online participatory budgeting process and on social media. The cuts to LAPD's budget are based on the knowledge that policing harms Black, Indigenous, POC, working class and other marginalized

communities - knowledge that comes from both a vast body of academic research and a multitude of lived experiences. In addition, the People's Budget clearly lays out where the money from cuts to the LAPD will be redirected, based on the input of a huge number of LA residents: universal aid and crisis management, public infrastructure and reimagined community safety.

The people of Los Angeles know what makes us "LA Strong," and it's not police. As our elected official, I call on you to listen to the people you represent and support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Thank you for your engagement,

Mikaela

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Subject: Support The People's Budget LA

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Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Katelyn Lance and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and my zip code is 90024. I am emailing to demand that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 year. Based on this budget, I support that only 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should go towards the LAPD instead of 50%. I believe that Los Angeles needs to reinvest in its community and people, not the police department when that money could be spent better elsewhere.

I also demand that you support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert specific emergency calls away from the police and direct those calls to unarmed, thoroughly trained crisis response teams. I support the People's Budget LA because I believe this city has funneled way too much money into "policing" problems rather than addressing the root causes of these problems. With more support for affordable housing, healthcare, mental health, healthy food, clean water, and so much more, communities that are often criminalized for these inequities will have better access to basic needs and support. Think of how many constituents you can support in their physical health, mental health, education, housing, and so much more by divesting from the LAPD and into the communities directly affected by social inequities. By voting against cuts to the LAPD's budget, you are letting down thousands of Angelenos that need community-based help.

Throughout these past few weeks, protests around the world and specifically in Los Angeles have shown overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. However, we have still seen Chief Moore blame protestors for the death of George Floyd as if to absolve the police departments of the very white supremacy they were founded upon. Many LA police officers, to this day, have hurt and abused fellow Angelenos. These actions of police all across the country to countless Black lives goes to show a direct need to defund the police. There are not a "few bad apples" when the root of the tree was rotten to begin with.

I urge you to support the People's Budget LA and show solidarity and support in keeping Angelenos safe through addressing the roots of so many problems rather than adding more police to contribute to police abuse and brutality, which disproportionately affects Black individuals.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to reinvesting in the community.

Sincerely,  
Katelyn Lance

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Subject: Support the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I am a former resident of District 5. I am a UCLA alum, and have witnessed first-hand since 2014, the militarized response of the LAPD to peaceful protestors, Angelenos protesting for human rights for all black lives and therefore all Americans, and for a better future for all our children.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community.

I imagine a world where money and resources are given to schools so that the arts are considered not a privilege, but a right. So that children are struggling with their mental health--which I did for my entire adolescence--are met with care, and not violent force or incarceration. So that black and brown students are not disproportionately suspended or disciplined, inciting the slippery slope down the school-to-prison pipeline. So that the leadership of our great city might one day be actually reflective of its citizens.

To that end, the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Marissa Clifford

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Subject: Support the People's Budget LA. Reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Diana Chang and I am a resident of District 4. I work in the television industry and am a member of SAG-AFTRA. My zip code is 90027.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly.

My neighborhood in Los Feliz is experiencing crime towards the unhoused by people taking advantage of them, as well as the housed. These criminals have even pushed out our former unhoused neighbors.. This is a difficult problem that the LAPD has been unable to improve. The problem has only deteriorated as the LAPD continues to be our only resource. The LAPD is more likely to criminalized our unhoused neighbors than to help them. Clearly we don't need more police. We need community services.

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Sincerely,  
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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 13:17:51 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90046.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives [only 5.7%](#) to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. **By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.**

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

**Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors.** LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Emily Sedlacek

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Subject: Support the People's Budget!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a young professional and tenant in the Fairfax area. My zip code is 90046.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also **support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769** to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Juliana Barbera

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I hope you will reconsider your actions and start thinking with something closer to a conscience than a checkbook. I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and Resident of Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Ryan Stevens

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Subject: Support the People's Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a PhD student at UCLA and plan to settle in LA for the future. My zip code is 90034.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Sara Wilf

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**Sara Wilf** (she/her)

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Hello,

I am a Los Angeles resident (District 4, 90027), reaching out to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The community's support of the People's Budget is clear. To not ignore calls to defund the LAPD is ridiculous. This is an urgent need and one city residents require of you.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

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Please see below the email that I sent to Mayor Garcetti on June 5, 2020. I am Angeleno who lives in District 5, my zip code is 90064. I am very disappointed that Councilman Koretz has not supported the \$150 million diversion from the LAPD budget. This city is sorely in need of reformation, among other things, as regards the duties that LAPD officers are expected to carry out for which they are ill-trained. I strongly urge Mr. Koretz to support whatever measures are necessary to bring peace and equity to all Angelenos, including the People's Budget LA for 20-21 and Councilmember Wesson's Motion 20-0769. We cannot continue turning a blind eye to the inequities that exist in the management of Los Angeles. This can be an amazing city, but only if we lift up the least among us.

Dear Mayor Garcetti,

I am a 67-year old American woman of Mexican ancestry living in Rancho Park. I have lived in Southern California for 60 years and have had a privileged life. My husband and I have raised two caring, productive sons who are products of the LAUSD school system and graduated from good colleges. I am writing to you today to express my deep concern for the inequities that exist in our city. I applaud your proposed diversion of \$150 million from the LAPD budget to community assistance. This is a good beginning, but it is not enough. I urge you and the City Council to meet with the leaders of Black Lives Matter and those minority communities that are suffering from lack of opportunity, healthcare, education and the many other basic human needs that have been denied them for so long. Listen to their needs and start putting more money and programs into those communities. I also urge you to take a hard look at how the LAPD can be seriously remade into a group that engages fully with the community and truly protects and serves. This past week of demonstrations has laid bare the fact that Los Angeles can no longer ignore the need for all of our citizens to feel safe, heard and defended. Los Angeles is home to many beautiful concert halls, museums and theaters, but until the LAPD ceases to be perceived as adversarial by minorities, we cannot call ourselves a cultured city. We need the current leaders of our city to invest equally in all of its citizens to provide opportunities for its future leaders. Los Angeles is a city of innovators, so please put those minds to work to improve the lives of the neediest among us. I stand in support of those brave demonstrators who march to make our city better for those who must no longer be left behind.

Sincerely,  
Linda M. Darling

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 23:55:25 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support the People's Budget LA & Defund The Police

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angelino and recent graduate of UCLA. As our district's council member, you have a duty to listen to your constituents demands. However, you are currently not adhering to what the people of your district as well as the wider community of LA is demanding of you.

I will be clear. The residents of your district, the students of UCLA, and the wider LA community will do everything in our power to vote you out if you do not divest funds from the LAPD. We see that you have voted against the cuts the Mayor has proposed. First of all, even the cuts currently proposed to LAPD are not enough. Yet, you still have the audacity to vote against this small step in progress.

I along with the organizing power of the UCLA Undergraduate Student Association demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. You can still help change the oppressive systems that terrorize black and brown communities.

5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past month, the people of LA has demonstrated a powerful call to defund the LAPD. We have shown our desire to defund the police through in person protests and online campaigns. This movement will NOT be going away even if the news cycle moves on. The people of LA will not stop until defunding the police and reinvestment in community efforts occurs.

I demand that you support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards re-envisioning the community for Angelenos.

From,  
Gaby Sarmiento

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 17:05:06 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support the People's Budget LA Now

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a student at UCLA and a member of the Los Angeles Tenants Union. My zip code is 90024.

I am emailing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

What we need is to more funding for things that actually make our communities safe—housing, healthcare, pandemic recovery, and food. LAPD has proven time and time again to only protect the interests of white, wealthy individuals and corporations. Money should be redirected to support Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities specifically, who have been systematically disenfranchised and terrorized by the state and its enforcers for far too long. How can you, in good conscience, spend 50% of the budget on policing when large numbers of Angelenos don't have homes? Or access to clean air, water, and food? What does this say about your commitment to the lives and livelihoods of Angelenos, particularly those most marginalized?

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this urgent step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos. The people will not forget if you fail to act now.

Thank you for your time,

Kourtney Nham

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 20:47:33 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support the People's Budget LA!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and staff,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a Political Science student at UCLA who cares deeply about the safety and equity provided to all members of my community. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Megan Tobias

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Fri Jun 26 2020 11:00:48 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am a constituent of yours in District 5. My zip code is 90046.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

My husband has worked in both mental health and housing as a case manager, so he has experienced firsthand the lack of resources available in these areas. Now the pandemic has laid bare how dire these situations are, with the threat of homelessness, mental health crises, and food insecurity becoming even greater for many people. The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

Over the past few weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents. This is not protecting and serving.

The recent violence by the LAPD against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Cariad Owen

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:35:06 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student, and would like my voice as a constituent heard. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The police do not provide safety. And it is true, they are spread too thin. By diverting funds by supporting the People's Budget LA, resources can be put towards non-violent, unarmed first responders.*

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Riley Segal

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 11:51:54 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S BUDGET

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I was born and raised in West LA. My family has been renting, working, and attending schools on the Westside since the seventies. Our current zip code is 90064. I have been involved in community organizing since I was a small child. Today I work with various organizations on anti-racist work and dismantling systems of oppression that are running rampant in my hometown and destroying the livelihoods of our great citizens. This is why I demand that you support the People's Budget. Myself and hundreds of other Los Angeles residents have been calling in and listening to the City Budget meetings, and making this demand loud and clear. Councilmember Koretz— We have heard you voice your direct opposition to this sound and justice-oriented budget that will directly meet the needs of our most vulnerable communities. The fact that you do not agree with this plan shows us clearly where your priorities are, and that you are willing to uphold the system that thrives on white supremacy, colonialism, and patriarchal ideals. We are extremely disappointed. If you truly serve the people, as elected officials are intended to, you will reevaluate your position and listen to the cries of your citizens. Support the People's Budget, and follow the lead of your fellow Councilmember Wesson by backing motion 20-0769 to divert emergency calls away from the Police and toward unarmed crises response teams.

In the wake of George Floyd's death, I joined thousands in the streets of West Los Angeles, where we exercised our First Amendment Rights to protest against the Racist power structures that invoke violence against our people. Infuriatingly, the state's response to our movement, was to meet us with even more violence. Tear gas, rubber bullets, beatings, thousands of illegal arrests—this must be stopped. Your constituents are asking you to reimagine community safety and divest from the status quo. No more money should be funneled to the LAPD. We will keep fighting. What side of history do you want to be on?

With urgency,

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 13:59:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Subject: SUPPORT THE PEOPLES BUDGET LA #carenotcops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student living in Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's excessive budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams. This will help in drug and domestic violence cases and save lives.

The People's Budget prioritizes universal needs, public health, and is especially necessary during COVID-19. Furthermore it is needed to best serve Black and Indigenous communities who have been disproportionately affected by police violence and coronavirus. By voting against LAPD Budget cuts you are failing your constituents.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD. LAPD has reacted to peaceful protesters using completely unnecessary violence and escalation, harming your constituents.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimaging public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Shruti I**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 17:39:02 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: SUPPORT THE PEOPLES BUDGET LOS ANGELES

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Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. **My name is Adam Green, I am a UCLA student, LAUSD educator, and Los Angeles Tenants Union Member.** My zip code is 91436, making me one of your constituents.

I am writing you to echo the demands of BLM and thousands of Angelenos to support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. It has been made clear to many of your constituents that you do NOT support the Defunding of LAPD. This is shameful, considering the resounding approval of said BLM demands from people within your district. 0% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We MUST completely divest all funds LAPD's bloated budget into the community - specifically the Black & Brown communities of Los Angeles. I also demand that you support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

We are literally living on food stamps and EDD; it is unfounded that during a national pandemic, while people cannot pay their rent or work, that you are in favor of allocating a mass amount of money towards mor

e policing. Your failure to address the needs of Angelenos, and more so, to actively ignore the demands set out in the Peoples Budget is embarrassing and violent. We are the people who voted you in, and we will sure as hell vote you out if you do not take action.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. The entire white supremacist history of LAPD is unacceptable; the continued murder of Black folks by LAPD is unacceptable. We say no more. Time to make a difference and put an end to this State Sanctioned violence. I seriously urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Adam Green**

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Date: Wed Jun 24 2020 15:08:21 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: Support your Constituents

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and Staffers,

My name is Bridget Lerman. I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I live in Encino (91316) and am a UCLA alumni.

I serve youth across the San Fernando Valley as a Health Educator. In my role, I have seen the impact of systemic and socioeconomic inequity. Students and families have many unmet needs that time and time again manifest in adverse outcomes. Students of color and of low socioeconomic status are suffering disproportionately. Additionally, as a Public Health Specialist, I am horrified at the priorities of the proposed budget. We have thousands of people ill in our communities and far too many deaths and hospitalizations. Our system must change to prioritize the health and wellness of our community members.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and horrific. People are being unjustly assaulted, detained, and murdered. LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos. Please consider placing your people first.

Thank you for your time,

**Bridget Lerman**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 17:41:46 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: The importance of the People's Budget of LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and I have seen how social determinants of health have been affecting the community in Westwood and throughout West LA through volunteering programs at UCLA. I have seen the mass amount of homeless populations that reside in LA county whenever I leave my dorm and am deeply saddened by the lack of support these communities are given. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

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*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore **blamed** the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have **hurt, abused and maimed** YOUR constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I strongly urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Lizzet Lopez**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 19:16:25 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: The People's Budget

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Dear Council Members, I am a constituent of district 14, Mitch O'Farrell, in Atwater Village. It is imperative that we adopt the people's budget for LA. Folks are literally dying at the hands of LAPD - folks that are non violent, mentally ill, unhoused, Black, or all of the above. The LAPD has too much money, too many weapons, too much gear, and way too much aggression. By redistributing funds to organizations that can help our citizens in need, we can relieve the police force from wearing too many hats. We'll have trained health professionals as first responders of non violent and non criminal incidents. First responders that can deescalate conflict, identify folks with disabilities, and address correctly the needs of people suffering from mental illness. We can invest in programs that will solve problems at the root, rather than pour money into temporary solutions such as arrests and jail time. Please invest in people's healing instead of continuing their pain. -Arlene Deradoorian ~

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 20:44:00 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: The vote on June 22/People's Budget

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Councilman Koretz (and team): I'm writing as citizen of District 5, and a neighbor to the many unhoused citizens of the Fairfax area. I'm asking you to please reconsider your refusal to consider significant defunding of the LAPD. While people like myself, who—due to the color of my skin—have had almost no interaction with the police prior to the protests and marches of June 2020, have had an awakening to the toxicity of the department, many of my neighbors have lived this reality for years. While the department spends hundreds of millions of dollars on helicopters, military grade equipment, and constant over policing of black and brown neighborhoods, my neighbors go without basic resources like food, clothing, and shelter. While the riot responders drove SWAT vehicles down my block and shot tear gas over our roof, citizens on the same block don't know how they'll get vital medications or mental health attention. I'm tired of seeing these discrepancies go ignored while we continue to fund the nation's most murderous police force, and even more tired of my elected officials acting out of self-interest only. This is supposed to be a progressive, forward-thinking city. We could help to lead the charge on a new budget and, subsequently, an opportunity for our neighbors of color to go un-terrorized on their own streets. Please reconsider your stance on this matter. Please treat the lives of your constituents like they're as valuable to you as the celebrities you court. Best,  
Seija Rankin 125 1/2 North Harper Avenue

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:53:53 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: this is what i am replying with

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Dear Ms. Lopez,

Thank you for your email and for taking the time to send your important thoughts to our office. I will be sure to share this with Councilmember Koretz who will take your thoughts into consideration as he goes through this budget process.

At this time, he has asked me to share the following message about his current point of view: "If we separate the term "defund" from the underlying effort to redefine and re-envision policing in the 21st century and look at how best to actually do that, I have to wonder whether making arbitrary cuts to LAPD's budget is the right place to begin that process. I think we can all agree that reform is necessary, it's just determining the best way to achieve it. I support police reform. That's why I am authoring several motions for reform. Police reform doesn't mean you need to defund the police. I believe the City still needs law enforcement."

Also, [here is a link to his latest newsletter](#) which may help to further explain his point of view.

Debbie

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 01:48:37 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: URGENT- People's Budget

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Dear Councilmember Koretz, My name is Melissa and I am a resident of Westwood in District 5. I am an instructional aide who has worked with students of LAUSD. My zip code is 90094. I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget of LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis. The recent violence against civilians exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take action towards reimagining public safety for the people of LA. Thank you for your time, Melissa Oskouie Sent from my iPhone

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 14:25:27 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: URGENT RE: LAPD

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and Staffers,

I am a UCLA student living in Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

If you represent the people, and you truly believe in your role as a community representative, you will take the time to understand the People's Budget and its importance.

Thank you for your time,

Michael Peng

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 13:31:05 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: URGENT: You Must Support the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz and Staff,

I am a Los Angeles resident, currently living in District 5. I just wrapped up my third year as an undergraduate student at UCLA, and I have spent the last three years as a devoted academic and active member of the Westwood community and UCLA student body. My current zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the **People's Budget LA** for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget for the city to meet these demands. 5% or less of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50% – We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community itself rather than operations which serve to monitor and inflict violence on Black community members and other members of color. I demand that you also support **Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769** to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA allocates only 5.7% to the police, and this is because the city should prioritize universal needs and public goods – including housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water – pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety rather than an oppressive and violent police department. You must engage directly with marginalized communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — those who have seen the highest rates of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos rather than the most privileged of us. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me and those who belong to these most marginalized communities, who allow our city to function at its greatest capacity yet are heavily monitored and policed despite their hard work.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, **now**. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for all Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

Cole Ibbotson

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 12:08:41 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: We demand #carenotcops

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and a resident of Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Through recent events like the murder of George Floyd as well as years of police brutality and misconduct, it has become crystal clear that maintaining or increasing LA's police budget is not only wrong, but detrimental to the lives of Black and Brown people in this country. We need to shift our priorities, divest from police funding, and reallocate those funds to invest millions into social services and education. The single greatest investment a community can make is in the quality and accessibility of education. As a student myself, I understand the importance, value, and power of education to change lives in a meaningful, sustainable way.

I have been truly disgusted by the instances of police brutality and killings that have plagued this country and disproportionately impacted Black and Brown lives. It is appalling that the city of Los Angeles allocates an obscene amount of our budget to the police. As someone who directly represents us, you need to shift your priorities and understand that defunding the police is NOT saying that we are abolishing the police. It is saying that we need to decrease funding for it, just as our country has been decreasing funding for education for the past 30 years.

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions — that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

If you continue to vote against divesting from LAPD, I am sorry to say that you will lose the support you have worked so hard to gain from your constituents. And this loss of support will be exemplified in the polls during our next city council election.

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Maya Ebrahimpour**

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 13:48:24 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: We don't need a bigger police budget!!

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a fourth-year undergraduate at UCLA where I also serve as the President of the Vietnamese Student Union of UCLA. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Regards,  
Jason Tuan Vu

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Date: Mon Jun 29 2020 15:16:35 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: We Need the People's Budget NOW!

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Councilmember Koretz,

I live in District 5 in the Palms neighborhood and have for the past four years. My zip code is 90034.

Today I am writing to demand once again that you **support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly**. We must reinvest LAPD's unnecessarily large budget into community services that will actually make residents like myself safer. I demand that you also **support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769**.

I am shocked by your lack of empathy for the movement to defund the LAPD over the past few weeks, which has overwhelming support within the city and nationwide. When I attend a protest to exercise my first amendment rights I should not have to educate myself on tear gas beforehand. The LAPD's initial violent response to protestors only exposed the institution's inherent racism and created widespread fear among LA residents. We should not live in fear of the police: we pay their salaries and they should serve us. Unfortunately, that system is broken so we must look to non-police alternatives to community safety.

Again, I urge you to actually engage with your constituents by supporting the People's Budget LA, and take this important step towards reimagining public safety for our city.

Sincerely,  
Emma Soren

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Emma Soren  
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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 18:20:10 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: WE WANT CARE NOT COPS

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5, and am on faculty at UCLA as well as being a member of the LA Tenants Union. My zip code is 90094.

I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,  
Jon Shapiro

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Date: Tue Jun 23 2020 10:03:32 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: We want the People's Budget LA

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

My name is Sierra Morris and I live in District 5. My zip code is 90064. I'm writing to urge you to support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. We need to reinvest LAPD's budget into the community. I also urge that you support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Thank you,  
Sierra

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Date: Fri Jun 26 2020 13:06:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: We will make you defund police in district 5

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student living in Westwood. My zip code is 90024.

I am writing to demand you support the [People's Budget LA](#) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support [Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769](#) to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

I know from person experience the ways the LAPD presence has harmed and continues to harm students at UCLA. Black students are disproportionately targeted by officers. No student should be made to feel unsafe by officers whose supposed duty is to protect and serve them. Reforming or retraining these officers is no longer an option - we want them gone from campus and gone from Westwood.

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimaged public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

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The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

The time is now to act. If students are going to be returning to UCLA in the fall, we need to know our safety is your priority. Not the police unions, but YOUR CONSTITUENTS.

Thank you for your time,

**Julia Hatten**

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Subject: You Are Upholding White Supremacy, Paul

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Paul, Maddie here (again)

You continue to cheer the LAPD, demonize demonstrators, and prioritize the property of your wealthy (white) constituents over the lives of Black people. But newsflash buddy, your constituents make up more than old white supremacists like yourself and we will ensure your bid for City Controller is over before it even starts.

Your defense of the LAPD budget because slow computers at LAPD will cost LA too much money, "There are some trying to make the LAPD as ineffective as possible and eventually eliminate them." THIS IS YOUR BEST DEFENSE!? They literally have BILLIONS of dollars.

As your constituent, I demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

Over the past two weeks, YOUR VOTERS, and the entire city of LA, have shown our overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has been made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

Get a grip. Listen to the people that gave you your job with our votes and DEFUND LAPD

Get on board or get out of the way.

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Adding your boss and team back on CC here so they can see how their Chief of Staff speaks to their own constituents.

May I provide you with some information to help you better understand?

This [easy-to-read website](#) explains how the People's Budget works. Maybe take some time to familiarize yourself with the requests of your constituents before telling one of them they have no idea what they're talking about. Even if I have "no idea" what I am talking about, I do know it's, at the very least, against the tenants of engaging with your voters, to antagonize said people who employ your boss. This [4-minute-read article](#) has some very honest and fair criticism of your boss's performance as a City Councilman and how his actions uphold white supremacy.

Or, you can just head over to Twitter and read through the #CallOutKoretz hashtag. It's trending in LA, so you can't miss it.

Be well, Joan! Thank you so much for your time.

Maddie Coleman  
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You are very welcome!

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Date: Mon Jun 22 2020 12:46:12 GMT-0700 (PDT)  
Subject: You know what it is

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Councilman,

As a long time resident of West 3rd Street 90048, I am writing to demand you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I demand that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

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Subject: your boss is choosing white supremacy

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To the Office of Councilmember Paul Koretz,

Your boss has made it perfectly clear in his tweets and public comments that he sees no need to question the role of law enforcement in our society. He is so unquestioning of their role in fact that he voted against producing a study to *consider* a measly 1% budget cut to the LAPD operating budget compared to last year.

Your boss said he found the recent looting in LA "no less troubling" than the death of George Floyd. In doing so he explicitly stated an underlying tenet of white supremacy: that protecting property is equally if not more important than a Black man's life (or in other cases, it might be a homeless man's life, a latino man's life, a trans persons' life, a poor person's life -- either way we know that Paul Koretz isn't bothered when the police kill them so long as there is no uprising from the underclasses)

I encourage you to use your voices as staffers to make the case for the Peoples' Budget and to call out your boss's racism and ignorance at every opportunity. I know that isn't easy to do, but it's possible and it's necessary.

Thank you for working to make Los Angeles a safe and thriving community for all people, not just the ruling class.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Walle  
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Subject: Your Recent Vote

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Dear Councilmember Koretz,

I am an Angeleno and I live in District 5. I am a UCLA student and resident of Westwood. My zip code is 90024. I have to say that I am very disappointed in your recent decision to vote against the budget cut for the LAPD.

I am writing to ask that you support the People's Budget LA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and revise the current budget accordingly. At maximum, 5% of LA's unrestricted revenues should be going to LAPD, not 50%. We need to reinvest LAPD's bloated budget into the community. I ask that you also support Councilmember Wesson's motion 20-0769 to divert certain emergency calls away from the police and towards unarmed, trained crisis response teams.

*The People's Budget LA gives only 5.7% to the police, because the city should prioritize universal needs (such as housing, childcare, healthy food, clean air and water), pandemic recovery, built environment, and reimagined public safety over the police department. You need to engage directly with communities, especially Black and Indigenous communities — the most at risk of police brutality and murder — to create a budget that serves ALL Angelenos. By voting against cuts to LAPD's budget, you are failing constituents like me.*

Over the past two weeks, our city has shown its overwhelming support for defunding the LAPD. It has made clear — through both physical and digital actions— that LA must not use its money to fund the murderous LAPD.

*Throughout this time of mass protest, the police have reacted with extreme violence and unwarranted escalation towards peaceful protestors and our unhoused neighbors. LAPD Commander Cory Palka flashed a White Power signal on television. Chief Moore blamed the police murder of George Floyd on LA protestors. Many police officers have hurt, abused and maimed your constituents.*

The recent violence against Angelenos exercising their First Amendment rights by the LAPD is unacceptable and LAPD must be defunded, now. I urge you to support the People's Budget LA, and take this courageous step towards reimagining public safety for Angelenos.

Thank you for your time,

**Allyson Ping**

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